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The Message

BY REVEREND K. G. MCMILLAN, B.A., B.D.

This is the third meditation on the Council Meeting theme ''Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes.''

> ''Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord.'' Isaiah 30:1
> ''Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
> Saith your God.'' Isaiah 40:1

ISAIAH heard God's call and he responded knowing that God was with him. What was the message that he took to his people? Omitting all the details, all the historical facts and all the incidentals his message can be abbreviated into just two themes: the judgment of God and the mercy of God.

The Judgment of God

The first thirty-nine chapters contains a message of judgment. The nation that forsakes God will perish. The writer taught just as clearly as does the New Testament that, ''The wages of sin is death. . . . Be not deceived; God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. . . . They that sow to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption.'' This message of judgment was met with laughter and mockery for to the people of Isaiah's day nothing seemed so remote as the judgment of God. When he began his ministry in Judah it was a period of great outward prosperity for Uzziah's long reign had brought both political and commercial expansion. It was true that the poor were oppressed by a handful of the rich who had acquired great power; that pride in their own achievements was rampant and that they were notorious for their drunkenness which abounded in all stratas of society but since the religious services were celebrated with elaborate fervour they felt that their society was stable and secure.

Into such a scene Isaiah came with his message of swift-approaching doom and warned that man's salvation rests with God and in his right relationship to Him. We hear Isaiah crying:

''He shall break it as the breaking of the potter's vessel
that is broken in pieces;
He shall not spare.

Behold the Lord maketh the earth empty and maketh it waste,
And turneth it upside down, and scattereth the inhabitants thereof,
And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest.''

God's judgment did fall upon the people. They were conquered and carried off into captivity and they suffered for their Godlessness. Isaiah's prophesies were abundantly fulfilled and the people knew by their own bitter experiences ''the terror of the Lord''.

It is well for us to remember that this same message is relevant to-day and applies to our period of history as it did to Old Testament times. Our world has rebelled against God and has thrown off His reign and we are foolish indeed if we imagine that we will not come under God's judgment. Our ever recurrent wars, the atomic bomb and even Godless Russia may be God's judgment upon a world which has forgotten its Maker—a world where men are in open rebellion against the Lord of the universe. God's judgment can be just as real in the 20th century as in 586 B.C.

The Mercy of God

But the judgment of God is not all of Isaiah's message. He speaks not only of the judgment of God but also of the Mercy of God. God's Word is a judging and a saving word. He judges in order that He might save. It is not God's will that any should perish but that all men should come to a knowledge of the truth. So, Isaiah who had cried for men to flee from the wrath of God, strikes a new note in Chapter forty. Years had elapsed. The nation had been brought low and the people had suffered. Now in tender accents we hear his cry:

''Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
Saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably unto Jerusalem,
Behold your God!

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
He shall gather the lambs with his arms,
And carry them in his bosom,
And shall gently lead those that are with young.''

Isaiah's great theme is now that of the God who restores, of the God whose mercy is everlasting.

We all stand in awe as we contemplate the wonder of forgiveness and the magnitude of God's mercy. The great passages of the Scripture are those of forgiveness and of reconciliation. What joy there is in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth! It is this in which Isaiah rejoices when he sings:

> ''I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions,
> And as a cloud thy sins:
> Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.
> Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it:
> Shout, ye lower parts of the earth:
> Break forth into singing, ye mountains,
> O forest and every tree therein:
> For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob,
> And glorified himself in Israel.''

This same message is to be found everywhere in the Bible. Without God there is nothing but doom and death and despair but with Him there is resurrection and life and hope. The New Testament has nothing but doom for the world apart from God but it also tells of the glorious life that is to be had when men hear and heed His gracious invitation.

The message that we seek to take to the world is this message of Scripture. The Christ of God stands patiently, persistently seeking an entrance. His love is over all. His mercy cannot be measured. Whosoever will may come. But, if men turn away God's judgment is upon them and they will perish.

Prayer

Almighty God, who hast called the Church out of the world that she might bring the world to Thee; make her faithful, we beseech Thee, in the work Thou hast entrusted to her hands. May she fearlessly take the message of God's judgment and mercy to all Thy children everywhere so that all the ends of the earth shall turn unto the Lord. Bless and uphold Thy servants who have gone forth to preach the Gospel. Be with them in all perils and prosper their labours by Thy Holy Spirit. Stir up the hearts of Thy people here and everywhere, that by their prayers, gifts and labours they may share in the spreading of Thy Gospel over all the earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHAT DO MISSIONS MEAN TO YOU?

Personal Responsibility

BY MRS. ARTHUR W. PAE

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae

WE have entered a new year. The old one has passed from our keeping and we need not dwell upon it except to seek to profit from its experiences. Now we are face to face with the new—months and weeks of we know not what, but we can be sure that there will be opportunities which if realized and used may add a new richness to our lives and to the lives of others.

This is a time for ''stock taking''—for knowing exactly what we have in hand to meet the future. First of all, is our faith in God firm and sure? Is He to us an all Sovereign Lord? Do we believe that ''God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself''; Have we sounded out the meaning of being ''workers together with Him''?

The world is sadly worn and weary, frustrated and disillusioned, still seeking security and freedom from ills and vexations which are beyond our control. As co-workers with Jesus Christ we know that there is a way out of all this darkness and doubt. Are we making this fact known? Is our ''witness'' to Christ so decided and definite that everywhere we go and in all that we do we are making Him known—holding Him up that ''He may draw'' these weary folk to Himself. Surely this is our task for the new year.

As a Society within our Church we have accepted as a definite responsibility, a portion of her work of spreading the Gospel throughout our own and distant lands and if we fail to carry out what we have promised to do, no one else will take up this ''undone'' work. For this reason we ask that every woman in every group should endeavour to the best of her ability to provide what is asked by way of material things. This is but one part of our work. In addition we must be adding constantly to our knowledge of the work itself and how and where it is being done in order that we may be able to make a clear, accurate and convincing presentation at every opportunity. We should know where our missionaries are; in what particular task they are engaged and something about the circumstances under which they work.

It has been said that what we do as we engage in a task which really interests us falls into three categories: ''work, thought and prayer''. Surely this might well apply to us as we consider our task. We are already engaged in the activities of the work—spending time and energy and thinking of better ways to interest others and to deepen the interest of our associates. The more we ponder the situation; see the opportunities which we are sure should be grasped, the more we feel how unequal are our own resources. Our thoughts become *prayers* for help, for wisdom and for strength. We cannot face the situation, carry the load alone, and in humility we call upon the One who IS able and who ''can supply every need''. Only with Him can we assume the duties and tasks of the year.

News Up To The Moment

WE wish to draw your attention to two features in this issue. They are both being tried as experiments. The 'Letters To The Editor' page, we announced a month ago. We hope it may be of service to you.

Mrs. Pae has inaugurated what we hope will be a series of articles on vital needs in missionary work to-day — and the responsibility we have as individuals to those needs in these troublous times. Look for ''What Do Missions Mean To You?'' during the winter and spring months of this year. We draw special attention, too, to the Auxiliaries page where some very searching questions have been asked. These might form a basis for discussion at an Auxiliary meeting.

One of the more popular parts of our work is that devoted to Christian Literature. We know you will find Mrs. Cherry's story on *L'Aurore* of great interest. She has promised further articles from time to time on those publications which our Society supports.

We are featuring the World Day of Prayer programme in this issue. We would also remind girls' leaders and members of the Women's Missionary Society that there is a girls' programme. Miss Grace Irvine, our Youth Secretary, has prepared this very fine service which will be used by Canadian teen-age groups.

Word has recently reached Council Executive of the death of Miss Margaret Ramsay's mother and of Mrs. L. W. Gehman's mother. Several months ago Miss Grace Mackay was bereaved by the death of her father. On behalf of all our members we express our sympathy to these members of our staff.

Letters to the Editor

Editor, *Glad Tidings,*

Dear Madam:

I reported the following to the Synodical *Glad Tidings* Secretary but thought it would be all right to write you direct as well.

At the September meeting of the Executive of Westminster Presbyterial, it was moved and most enthusiastically endorsed that we as a body commend the Editor and Editorial Committee for the matter, arrangement and general appearance of the September issue. It was further urged that we do all in our power to back up the efforts you are making.

Yours sincerely,

Amy C. Laird, Vancouver,
Glad Tidings Secretary, Westminster Presbyterial.

We wish to thank Miss Laird and Westminster Executive for this statement. Incidentally, Westminster Presbyterial and British Columbia Synodical, generally, have already given very practical support to the *Glad Tidings.* Subscriptions in that province did not diminish in any appreciable way when the price was increased. M.E.W.

Editor, *Glad Tidings,*

Dear Miss Whale:

So often I have thought of writing you in this way to tell you how much the *Glad Tidings* means to me. . . . This last number (November), keeps one up-to-date with Council workings. Then knowing Miss Pelton, Miss Frieda Matthews, Miss L. Macarthur and Miss Ruby Walker, through their visits here, it seems as if one knew all the Executive.

This is just a note expressing my views on the *Tidings.* I cannot imagine auxiliary members not taking it. Like the *Record* which has improved so much, one always enjoys reading it. I hope you do not mind me writing you, I always like to pass along the nice things in this don't you?

Best of wishes for continued success.

Sincerely yours,

Myrtle H. Stirrett,
Mrs. W. J. Stirrett, Port Arthur.

Far from "Minding" such letters, we on the Editorial Committee find them a great inspiration. Thank you Mrs. Stirrett. M.E.W.

When we pulled the Synodical News from the November issue in order to print as much Council material as possible, we wrote to each Synodical Secretary telling them what we had done and asking them to tell us if they heard any comments about our action or about the Synodical News in general. Mrs. Jay Watson, Synodical Press Secretary, Saskatchewan, sent a letter to each of the Presbyterials in her area. She writes,

Dear Miss Whale:

I shall enclose the comments received from two Presbyterials and shall send any others as they come in. I think they are self-explanatory and should give you the comments you desire.

The Anniversary issue of the *Glad Tidings* was apparently received everywhere with delight.

Yours very sincerely,
Agnes Watson, (Mrs. Jay Watson, Weyburn).

We give you now the comments which Mrs. Watson sent to us.

Dear Mrs. Watson:

I have done the best I could to get the opinions (re Synodical News) of the auxiliaries in this Presbyterial. The Biggar Auxiliary would be satisfied with any decision of the Editorial Committee. The Rosetown groups, Senior and Young Women's are very much in favour of seeing the Synodical News continue. I have not had a reply from Wilkie and Coleville is rather an out-of-the-way place for mail service.

I hope these comments are of some help. I sincerely hope this department continues.

Yours sincerely
Chrissie Beaton, Presbyterial Press Secretary, Saskatoon,
Mrs. R. B. Beaton, Rosetown, Sask.

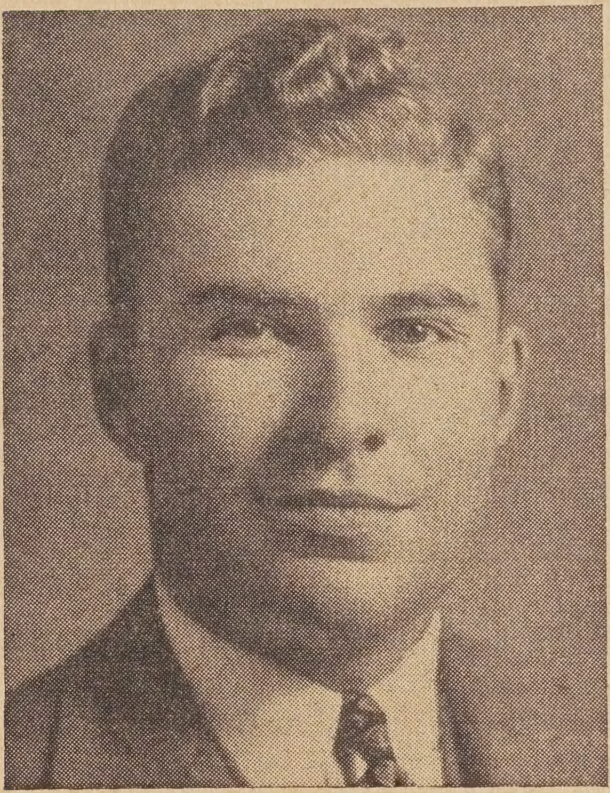
Dear Mrs. Watson,

I have discussed your letter with several of our W.M.S. ladies and they absolutely say as one voice that the deleting of the Synodical News in the (November) *Glad Tidings* will be a great disappointment to the Province. One lady said: "Why that is the first thing I turn to when the magazine arrives," and I remarked that I do the same thing. So that is our answer.

Yours very sincerely,
Ida J. Shaw,
(Mrs. J. B. Shaw, Press Secretary, Regina Presbyterial).

"Better To Light One Candle Than To Curse The Darkness"

BY REVEREND R. M. RANSOM



Rev. R. M. Ransom

SO says an old Chinese proverb. And perhaps that is the best way to explain our work in Yunnan with the Church of Christ in China. The mission was young and our participation in it short-lived, but while politicians and press were cursing the darkness of China and communism in general, our Yunnan Mission at least was lighting a candle. Its rays still shine out as a witness to the Truth that is in Jesus Christ and to the fact of an ongoing Chinese Church.

Many people express surprise when I report that foreign missionary activity in China is gradually coming to a halt and yet in the same breath speak with confidence of the future of the Christian movement in that land. This is because they overlook the fact of the continuing Chinese Church which is carrying on under Chinese leadership. I am convinced that even though all foreign mission forces may have to be withdrawn it will go on and find new strength and meet the challenge of the new environment.

That is why I feel that our brief participation in the Yunnan Mission has been eminently worth while. It was at a most strategic time and in a framework that was somewhat unique and which most effectively laid the foundation for a church that would continue independently. Our efforts, therefore, were not expended in trying to set up a foreign mission largely dependent upon foreign leadership and support and which might easily dissolve when the foreign missionaries left. Rather, ours was a more humble job. That of working as colleagues with the Chinese in a home mission project of the Chinese Church itself under the supervision and direction of Chinese leaders. Now that we have withdrawn the work continues in a strong position and will go on.

Women at Work

The part that women have played in this work is at once heroic and fascinating. In fact, most of it started when old Mrs. Wu, a Chinese Quaker Biblewoman almost 50 years old caught a vision in her native province of Fukien away off on the east coast of China. It was not the man of Macedonia who appeared to her but the women of Yunnan who called her to help them. Her own people laughed at her. Even the foreign missionary disapproved. But she was obedient to the heavenly vision, and using her own small savings she set off across China. When she finally reached Kienshui which was later to become our mission station, she had to dig in and support herself by the work of her hands, and find extra moments to bear witness to her Lord and teach others of His love. But her daily life and winsome personality were her greatest testimony. So she lived and worked and prayed for almost ten years.

During this time she drew a group of women and some of their families into the Christian faith. All of them made the great irrevocable

Three Old Faithfuls: Grandmothers Lo, Nee and Wang at the Women's Conference after the World Day of Prayer 1950, Kienshui.

decision to tear down their kitchen or household gods and put their whole trust in Jesus Christ. This was not made lightly. It took courage. So these were not ordinary women. Most of them were illiterate. So Mrs. Wu taught one of the ablest, Grandmother Ding, to 'read' by the simple means of having her memorize great passages of Scripture. She gave her a big Bible which became the pride of Grandmother Ding's life. To this day she carries her big Bible with her wherever she goes and 'reads' from memory long chapters to her less fortunate illiterate sisters. They knew no songs. So old Mrs. Wu taught them to sing Bible verses set to ancient Chinese melodies, plaintive lute tunes or haunting folk songs. It was not uncommon to hear at one of their meetings the whole story of the Prodigal Son sung through in 42 verses.

Women at Prayer

These old women could pray. So Mrs. Wu taught them appropriate prayers in verse for every occasion. There were sentence prayers for occasions such as drawing water at the well or lighting the fire in the morning. There were spot prayers for use when walking into town or working in the fields. Longer prayers for use when doing the family wash or when lying in bed before sleeping. But the spontaneous prayers offered at meetings were nothing short of masterpieces. In all of these the devil was a very real person with whom they wrestled with might and main, contending with him on every issue, attacking him with the sure word of faith and finally driving him headlong. Once the devil was well and truly out of the way they never failed to give thanks to God for His victory over sin and superstition in their lives. Then they prayed for their community that many more would be led to the knowledge of the truth.

And in this they did not just sit and pray. As they prayed so they worked. Grandmother Ding's village was about a mile outside the city wall. She gathered the children of her village into a Sunday School. On market days she came into town and sold Gospel portions in the streets. She and others visited homes and told their friends of their new-found joy in Christ. The group grew slowly and included both men and women, young and old. But Mrs. Wu's ability was limited. No one knew her limitations better than she herself. She could lead her flock only so far along the path of faith, and she was not satisfied. She prayed that God would show her how to help them to a fuller experience in His Church. He was a long time answering. At least His messengers, the missionaries, were a long time coming. Meanwhile, Mrs. Wu, having done what she could, moved on to a new field where the Gospel had never been preached and started all over again.

Women Waiting

For nine years the little group in Kienshui continued to meet regularly every Sunday for worship without any pastor or other leader among them. Grandmother Ding read to them from her big Bible. Everyone prayed, sometimes in order, sometimes all together. And they continued to tell others about their Master. They did not think only of their own needs or their own weaknesses surrounded as they were by a great sea of superstition and paganism.

Nine years later the Church of Christ in China Yunnan Mission was set up, and it planned to start work in this area. Its leaders discovered this little group of Christians at work, and the wonder of it was that it was still alive at all! They met with them and invited their co-operation. But astute old Mrs. Wu had warned them of false leaders who might lead them astray. So they did not rush in. They had one of their young men write to her for advice. In a letter which read like one of the Pastoral Epistles of Paul, she urged them to join up with our church. This was the answer to her prayers.

Women in Conference

So they became the nucleus of our church work, most of them women well along in years by now, but with an enthusiasm and radiance that was an inspiration to all. And from this small beginning a splendid congregation has been developed with all its varied activities. The Grandmothers' Group continues to be one of the most interesting and the most enthusiastic organizations in the church.

In February, 1950, by some sleight of hand of the Post Office the material for the Women's World Day of Prayer reached us, actually before the event! About the same time old Mrs. Wu, now nearing seventy, returned to her flock. It was too good an opportunity to lose. Immediately we organized a five-day conference for women to follow the World Day of Prayer. They came in from as far as thirty miles, taking two days to make the trip on their little stumps of bound feet and carrying their rice for the week. They slept on the floor of the church and cooked their own meals. Over a hundred attended the Day of Prayer Service, and for the first time, perhaps, caught some glimpse of the World Church and of the women of the world joined in prayer around the Throne of Grace. We had five full days of conference: singing, catechism classes, literacy classes, free clinics, prayer and discussion groups and two hours a day of Bible Study led by old Mrs. Wu herself. As they went home there were tears in many eyes, but a new hope in many hearts, and a new sense of the great and precious freedom that is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

W.M.S. Estimates for 1951

MANY of our readers already know that an amount of $200,000.00 was unanimously accepted by Council in Guelph as the Estimate for 1951. Your appointed delegates were each handed a detailed copy of the Estimates and so were able to consider them before being asked to give their decision. They are now your objective for the coming year.

In our National Missions, there have been some changes in personnel. Mrs. Leatherdale is our new hospital visitor in Montreal. She was appointed during 1950 as a part of our Advance programme. Three names which have been in our Estimates for a great many years are missing now, Mrs. Steinmetz, Mrs. Fesenko and Miss Isabel Scott. Their resignations were regretfully accepted by Council Executive during 1950. While Mrs. Steinmetz and Mrs. Fesenko are not on our staff, we know that they are continuing to serve their Master in their respective congregations. Miss Isabel Scott, who did such a splendid job on one of our Western vans this past summer, is now serving as a Church Deaconess in Fort William.

Miss Winnifred Ripley is at present assisting in the Nursery School in Vancouver, replacing Miss Helen Ross, who has joined the teaching staff at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School along with Miss Helen Rose, a 1949 graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

Some adjustments have been made in salaries in order to bring them up to the present salary schedule.

We have estimated for at least two new National missionaries, as well as the maintenance of our present two vans. It is our hope to place a third van on the Field in 1951 as part of the Advance Programme, for which an amount of $3,000.00 has been allotted.

The Insurance and Taxes on W.M.S. owned property and equipment cover such items as Children's Centre, Vancouver; Medicine Hat Training School; St. Margaret's Girls' Centre; Camps; two vans; office furniture and equipment, etc.

Now, our Overseas Missions: on our two fields in India, the personnel remains the same. On the Bhil Field you will note an amount of $2,000.00 ''Medical Field Units, operation cost''. One of these units is now in India and the second will go forward in 1951. We are also pleased to include the amount of $1,000.00 for Teachers' Training. This course represents a marked advance in the training of the Bhil teachers and is conducted by Miss Stringer.

By the time you are reading this, Miss Simpson will be in India, but not on the Jhansi Field. She goes to serve, as your representative in the Landour Hospital. This hospital is operated co-operatively by the different Christian denominations who have mission stations in that district, and it is here that our own missionaries and our Church's missionaries and families go when hospitalization is required. This is another phase of our Advance programme.

The name of Miss Agnes Hislop which last year appeared in our National Missions, now appears in our Overseas Department as a new missionary to India. Her training for this work will commence in January and it is expected that she will reach India in time for the Fall term of 1951.

Our grant to the Vellore Medical College has been increased to $1,000.00 for 1951, our ultimate objective being $2,000.00.

In Taiwan, two new names appear, Miss Waapeno who joined our nursing staff in 1950, and Miss Fitje, a recent appointee whose salary is paid partly by the Norwegian Mission and partly by our Society. The amounts for Evangelism (Biblewomen), Language Study and Music Department are additional this year.

The Estimate for British Guiana is smaller this year because of the favourable rate of exchange. Our staff and work remain the same.

We are delighted to add a new field to our work—Brazil, where we are giving a grant of $500.00 toward the support of the General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement.

In 1950 we were able to give some financial help to the Koreans in Japan, by assistance in Church building and evangelism. In 1951 our estimate for maintenance of Biblewomen has been increased to $1,400.00.

Another field of our advance is in the training of Nationals in Canada. 1951 shows two names, Miss Sun and Mr. Kim.

In connection with Missionaries' Expenses, the "Furlough travel, etc.", is for Miss Ellen Douglas and Miss Ellen Anderson who will be arriving in Canada during 1951. The item of $1,300.00 for expenses of a new missionary is to cover Miss Hislop's outfit allowance and travel.

A new Regional Secretary, Miss Margaret MacNaughton, is a recent appointee in our Organization Department. We are also very happy that the staff of this Department is once again up to strength and that we have been able to increase it by the appointment of an Associate Children's Work Secretary.

Our grants for Christian Literature are up $950.00, $500.00 of this being for Hungarian literature, and $50.00 for literature for Koreans in Japan.

In our Publications and Administration departments there have been some salary adjustments, and an increase in the total office rent of $408.00 as we took over some space located in our section of the eighth floor which was previously occupied by our Church's personnel.

Your Committee is deeply conscious that the amount of $4,150.00 will not be sufficient for our 1951 Overseas Advance programme. However, rather than increase the estimate of $200,000.00 we are holding the unused portion of the 1949 Balance of approximately $6,000.00 for further advance work. We dare not stand still in our missionary efforts, and the movement must be forward. We ask for your continued co-operation to make this possible.

—*Ruth E. Pye,*
Chairman, Finance Committee.

W.M.S. ESTIMATES *for* 1951

NATIONAL MISSIONS

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal: Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie.
Toronto: Misses Fay McTavish and Irene Kong.
Vancouver: Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Yeung and Annie Wilson.
Victoria: Misses Gertrude Scott and Grace Lee.

Salaries, Expenses and Rent	$13,800.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

*Birtle: Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw.
*Cecilia Jeffrey: Mr. and Mrs. Ross.

Salaries	$ 4,200.00
Travelling Expenses of School Chaplain	100.00
	$ 4,300.00

(Balance of salaries is paid from grants from Department of Indian Affairs.)
(*All living provided.)

DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

(Including Hospital Workers and Port Worker)

Salaries and Expenses: Misses Margaret Allan, Marjorie MacKay, Margaret Boyd, Winnifred Ripley, Mrs. S. Gillespie, Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale and Miss Hilda Blackwell	$11,640.00
Salaries and Expenses of Student Deaconesses	1,000.00
	$12,640.00

CHILDREN'S WORK

*Vancouver: Miss Catherine Watson and Director of Older Groups.
Tyndale House, Montreal: Miss Margaret MacKenzie.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 4,300.00
Maintenance	500.00
(*Living quarters provided.)	$ 4,800.00

ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' CENTRE

Mrs. J. McPhee, Superintendent.

Salaries, Maintenance and Repairs	$ 3,500.00

MEDICINE HAT TRAINING SCHOOL

Repairs to Property	$ 300.00

New Appointees, Salaries and Expenses	$ 3,000.00
National Work Contingency	1,750.00
Maintenance of two Vans, storage, service, etc.	750.00
National ADVANCE	3,000.00
Total of National Missions	$47,840.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. Property and Equipment	$ 1,360.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Jhansi Field:

Salaries: Misses Edith Magee, B.A.; Beatrice Scott, B.A.; Hazel Reaveley; Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E.	$ 5,600.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	2,000.00
Educational	6,080.00
Medical	950.00
Orphans and Widows	950.00
Miscellaneous, (postage, stationery, Indian Workers, Maintenance)	1,560.00
Total Jhansi	$17,140.00

(Included in ''Conduct of Work'' estimate is cost of upkeep of car.)

Bhil Field:

Salaries: Misses Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.; Marion Williamson; Ellen Douglas; Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.; Irene Stringer and Margaret Kennedy	$ 9,000.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	1,550.00
Medical: Nurses' Training	320.00
Medical Field Units, operation cost	2,000.00
Educational: Schools and Hostel	5,500.00
Teachers' Training	1,000.00
M. G. Abey Memorial Home	1,600.00
Miscellaneous, (postage, stationery, Indian Workers, Maintenance.)	1,050.00
Total Bhil	$22,020.00

(Included in ''Conduct of Work'' estimate is cost of upkeep of car.)

Vellore All-India Christian College:	
Salary and Expenses: Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.	$ 1,680.00
Landour Hospital:	
Salary and Expenses: Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N.	1,600.00
New Missionary:	
Language Study and Salary: Miss Agnes Hislop	1,600.00
Grants:	
Vellore Medical College	1,000.00
National Christian Council	130.00
Total India	$45,170.00

CHINA

Chinese Nurse	$ 1,200.00
Grant to Church of Christ in China	3,700.00
	$ 4,900.00

TAIWAN

Salaries: Misses Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.; Dorothy Douglas, Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.; Fitje, Reg.N. (part); and Miss Helga Waapeno, Reg.N.	$ 6,350.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Tamsui Girls' School	3,500.00
Evangelism (Biblewomen)	1,500.00
Language Study	250.00
Music Department	100.00
Travel on Field	500.00
Miscellaneous, (clerical, postage, stationery, maintenance)	550.00
Taxes	400.00
Total Taiwan	$13,150.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries: Misses Ellen Anderson and Margaret Ramsay	$ 3,000.00
Salary of Guianese Worker, Miss Budhoo	420.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	480.00
Car Allowance and Driver	480.00
Rent (in lieu of bungalow)	540.00
Miscellaneous (postage, stationery, etc.)	120.00
Total British Guiana	$ 5,040.00

BRAZIL

Grant for support of General Secretary, Student Christian Movement	$ 500.00

KOREANS IN JAPAN

Evangelism (Biblewomen)	$ 1,400.00

TRAINING OF NATIONALS IN CANADA

Maintenance:	
Miss Katherine Sun, from Kunming, China	$ 700.00
Mr. Wenchi Kim, Korean from Japan	800.00
	$ 1,500.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Mrs. Langdon Gehman, Reg.N., Salary	$ 1,500.00
Furlough travel, medical expenses and studies for two Missionaries	2,000.00
Expenses of new Missionary	1,300.00
	$ 4,800.00

OVERSEAS SUMMARY

India	$45,170.00
China	4,900.00
Taiwan	13,150.00
British Guiana	5,040.00
Brazil	500.00
Koreans in Japan	1,400.00
Training of Nationals	1,500.00
Missionaries' Expenses	4,800.00
Contingency	2,190.00
ADVANCE for 1951	4,150.00
	$82,800.00

ORGANIZATION

Regional Secretaries: Misses Ruby Walker, Grace Mackay, Athalie Read and Margaret MacNaughton.
Children's Work Secretary: Miss Lily Macarthur.
Associate Children's Work Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Moodie.
Youth Secretary: Miss Grace Irvine.
Girls' Work Secretary: Miss Helen Bricker (Part Salary).

Salaries and Expenses	$15,300.00
Railway fares and expenses of Secretaries, and missionaries on deputation	1,600.00
Camp Work and Conferences	400.00
Grant to Synodicals	750.00
	$18,050.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Department Expenditures	$ 1,000.00
W.M.S. films and slides	50.00
	$ 1,050.00

STUDENTS

Department Expenditures	$ 300.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditures	$ 100.00

GRANTS

Foreign Missions Conference	$ 515.00
United Nations Society	10.00
Missionary Education Movement	100.00
Canadian School of Missions	500.00
Lecturers, Missionary and Deaconess Training School	300.00
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00
Orphan Missions	1,000.00
Canadian Overseas Mission Council	75.00
	$ 2,525.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Incorp.	$ 300.00
Ukrainian Literature, Publishing *Evangelical Truth*	1,000.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, *The Christian Home*	400.00
Christian Literature for India, through the National Christian Council, (Dr. Manikam)	300.00
The British and Foreign Bible Society	500.00
Christian Literature for Africa, through the International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	500.00
Christian Literature for Women and Children in China	700.00
Christian Literature for Latin America	300.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	300.00
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature used for literature in Korea and Japan	500.00
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	50.00
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	400.00
L'Aurore	400.00
Italian Literature for Montreal	200.00
Hungarian Literature	500.00
	$ 6,600.00

PUBLICATIONS

Salaries: Editor, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department and Stenographers	$ 7,750.00
Office Rent (part)	1,860.00
Mission Band, *Junior Leader*	260.00
Free Leaflets	225.00
Free Literature	500.00
Mimeographing	60.00
Annual Report	2,200.00
	$12,855.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries: Executive Secretaries, Accountant, Stenographers	$12,000.00
Office Rent, (part)	3,720.00
Auditing	300.00
General Expenses	2,700.00
Council Meeting	5,000.00
Deputation	1,200.00
Exchange	200.00
Life Membership	300.00
	$25,420.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$47,840.00
Insurance and Taxes	1,360.00
Overseas Missions	82,800.00
Organization	18,050.00
Visual Education	1,050.00
Student	300.00
Candidates	100.00
Grants	2,525.00
Christian Literature	6,600.00
Publications	12,855.00
Administration	25,420.00
General Contingency	1,100.00
	$200,000.00

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND FOR 1951

Special Students at Jhansi	$ 500.00
Bursaries for girls at Jhansi	150.00
Interest on Permanent Endowment, Bhil Field	60.00
New Canadian boy	30.00
Special Courses for deaconesses	300.00
Girl at Ludhiana	250.00
Miss Katherine Sun, tuition fees	300.00
Miss Ruth Elder, tuition fees	100.00
Mrs. M. Gehman, tuition fees (Columbia)	260.00
	$ 1,950.00

Ruth E. Pye

Convener of Finance Committee.

What is "L'Aurore"?

BY LEETA MCCULLY CHERRY

IF you were a French Protestant in Quebec, in any other part of Canada, or in the United States, you would never have any need to ask that question at all! Then, you would know *L'Aurore* for the valuable and interesting publication it is—the well-prepared, Evangelical, French Protestant, Interdenominational bi-monthly newspaper which is published in Montreal, and edited in co-operation by Protestant Ministers of all denominations; which, serving all Churches, prints the news about all sorts of French work, and is, as one writer has said, "the messenger of glad tidings, which has become the organ of French Protestantism in America." You would remember too, that *L'Aurore* is no new venture, but already has behind it a long and worthy history, since it is, in fact, the only religious paper in Canada still being printed under its original name, after eighty-four years of steady publication. The only one of its kind in Canada, and with an established record of which it has every right to be very proud!

The very name it bears is deeply significant—"*L'Aurore*—the dawn!" And on the masthead of each issue is always the quotation, "Alors ta lumière poindra l'aurore", or as we would say in English "Then the light shall break as the dawn." That light has indeed broken for many a reader during those eighty-four years, for always *L'Aurore* has held high the light of faith, interpreted and proclaimed with unfaltering courage, the truth and freedom of the Protestant doctrine and belief, and so steadfastly upheld those high ideals and purposes which first brought such a paper into being, that many have become converted to Protestantism through the influence of *L'Aurore* and the fine Christian men who have produced it throughout the years. This Christian newspaper, in the French language, is an important part of our French work in Canada, especially through Christian Literature, and certainly no grant given from our W.M.S. funds is put to more far-reaching or better use than is the $400 grant which goes out each year to *L'Aurore* from the Christian Literature Estimates. The present Editor is Rev. Claude de Mestral, who is also the Pastor of Bethanie French United Church in Montreal. He is a brilliant and far-seeing man, a Swiss-Canadian, from the French language area of Switzerland, who has always been particularly interested in French Evangelism, both through the pulpit and through Christian literature, and he is thoroughly informed as to Roman Catholic policies in general, and for Canada in particular.

Speaking recently at the Canadian School of Missions in Toronto, Mr. de Mestral pointed out the significance of the present-day French Canadian outlook to English-speaking Protestantism, and said, "The religious problem of Quebec is a real challenge to us, which calls for our best. It may well be that the lure of what some call Communism—the deep desire of the masses for a better order—will attract and win even those unchurched former Roman Catholics. The time for constructive religious action is certainly running short. Since the French-Canadian vote holds the balance of power in our Dominion, common sense tells us we ought not to remain idle and unconcerned with the modern trend in French mentality. French Protestantism, therefore, comes to meet the needs of increasing numbers of French Canadians who have either completely left their Church, or have ceased to believe in its dogmas, rites and practices. The Quebec situation is a challenge to true Evangelical Reformed Christians everywhere. The possibilities and responsibilities never were so great. I am convinced, from what I learned at the Amsterdam Conference, and on my European trip, that we need to steep our paper deep into the present, and the future too, not being afraid to study all spheres of life."

Always, right from its very beginning away back in 1866, *L'Aurore* has endeavoured to study and present all phases of life, and of French Protestant values and opportunities, appealing alike to the new Protestant, the one seeking religious truth and comfort, and those already well established in the work of the Protestant Churches of all denominations. There are now some 80,000 French Protestants in Canada, of which 16,000 are in Quebec and 34,000 in Ontario, and, for these, there is so little French Protestant literature that Mr. de Mestral says, in stressing the need for protestant religious literature in French-speaking Canada, "Quebec is the only Mission Field in the world where converts are practically forced to give up their own language and culture, because there is so very little religious literature prepared for them to read in their own language. They must learn to read in the English language, and that is often very difficult to do. They should be able to find Protestant Christian literature in their own native French." Part of this great need is answered by *L'Aurore,* which is sponsored by the United, Presbyterian, Baptist and Anglican Churches, and edited by an Editorial Board consisting of representative ministers of these denominations. Rev. Jacques Smith, of St. Luc French Presbyterian Church in Montreal is a member of that Board, and has acted as its Chairman.

Now, as always, in its contents, the spiritual life of the people and the communities which it serves, is held to be the most important purpose of the paper. Within the eight pages of each issue are regularly to be found a wide diversity of interesting articles, discussions, meditations, poems, explanations and expositions of pertinent national as well as Church happenings, and always a thought-provoking editorial. *L'Aurore* reaches a very wide number of readers and has a much larger reading audience than the immediate circle of subscribers. Every year, the World Day of Prayer Service is printed in its entirety, and is used by many types of Protestant groups wherever the paper is circulated. One old man of eighty told how he carefully clipped it out, and used it for his daily worship every day for a whole year!

Occasionally, articles from *L'Aurore* are reprinted in one of the large French Daily Papers of Montreal, to reach a greater number of people in that way, and, at the request of the International Missionary Council in London, some 125 copies go regularly to French missionaries in Africa, Madagascar, and the Pacific. During the last war, French Protestant pastors, missionaries, and laymen in North Africa, were deprived of all French literature from their native country, so *L'Aurore* went regularly overseas to Algiers, Dakar and other African points, as well as to South America. In a letter to your Secretary recently, Mr. de Mestral wrote—"I just received the other day a letter from Madagascar, written by a French cousin of mine who is married to a missionary from the French Mission de Paris (Reformed). Her husband, from Switzerland, is a nephew of the late Rev. Dr. P. Delord, a former missionary in the Pacific, who opened a famous community for lepers at Valbonne, France. Due to the war, and then the revolt of 1948, they had to spend ten years on the field without a furlough, and during that time lost two of their six children because of difficult living conditions—a heavy price to pay! She tells me how much *L'Aurore* has meant to them. It was, for a long time, the only French Protestant literature reaching them during the war, and since then has kept them in touch with our work and the Christian world at large, thanks to our section of world-wide news. She tells me, too, that a Roumanian soldier in the French Legion, stationed at Madagascar, to whom she had lent *L'Aurore,* now wants to subscribe. Thus, we get news of the missionary activities of the Christian Church."

Throughtout the years, *L'Aurore* has had a most illustrious succession of editors, begining with the late Rev. Laurent E. Rivard, himself a convert from Roman Catholicism, and a consecrated man of great vision and courage, who first started, on June 6, 1866, the new weekly French Protestant newspaper in a small house opposite the Point Aux Trembles

French Institute, which was then part of the Presbyterian Church, and where he taught for fourteen years. Four years previously, this same busy man prepared and printed the first French Protestant Hymn Book—*Les Chants Evangeliques*—which, after twelve printings and many revisions, is still in use by all French Protestant denominations in Canada and the United States. Mr. John Dougall, founder of *The Witness,* encouraged and helped the new publication, and in 1880, became the second editor, continuing the Front Page Mottos—''Religion—Morale —Literature—Faites Divers—Histoires—Actualities''—which gave so good an idea of the contents, and including a whole section especially for farmers. ''Something I would like to revive,'' says Mr. de Mestral, ''and enlarge with a similar section for city workers.''

Rev. Duclos became Editor in 1886, and his Editorial Board included such men as Rev. Calvin Amaran, and Prof. Coussirat, of Montreal Presbyterian Theological College. The next Editor was Rev. T. Lafleur, D.D., one of the greatest French Canadian pastors of all time, then the pastor of the Baptist Church of L'Oratoire, which he founded. Others were Rev. S. Rondeau, who edited the paper from 1907 to 1934, with the help of the Editorial Board, and Prof. Primeau Robert, who preceded the present Editor, Mr. de Mestral. Many articles are contributed by interested ministers, and others who are recognized authorities on certain subjects. For many years there was but one lady correspondent, Madame Beiler, who is now 85 years old and still writing. Recent contributors are Mmes. Wm. Chodat, and Eug. Lefebvre, a member of the Montreal Women's Inter-Church Council.

Mr. de Mestral feels deeply conscious of the important work *L'Aurore* must do, and the wide influence and need of such a paper at the present time in Quebec. He hopes that someday *L'Aurore* may again be a weekly, of at least twelve pages; and that there might, in the future, be another paper, a Monthly Review, something like the *Neuva Democracia* published by the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America. In the meantime, however, *L'Aurore* must have all the financial support it can get from each of the co-operating Churches, if it is to continue to increase its sphere of influence and answer the needs of the French Protestant people, to whom it means so much. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is one of those Churches, and it is our privilege and our responsibility, as the Women's Missionary Society of our Church, to contribute to the splendid work being carried on by *L'Aurore,* both by our givings, our interest, and our prayers. That, I am sure, we shall continue to do, to the very best of our ability!

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, February 9, 1951

This service was prepared by Christian women of Germany and the Central Day of Prayer Committee of New York. For use in our country it was adapted by a Committee of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Theme

"Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear"

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Quiet music if desired)

Leader: (people standing)

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him. O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. From the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

People: We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. . . . There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

ADORATION

Leader: (people standing)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

People: Thy watchman shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.

Leader: Let us sing praise to the Lord our God.

Hymn: (Tune: Nun Danket) Book of Praise No. 147

(All seated)

Leader: Let us read responsively ''A New Song to the Lord,'' Psalm 96, attributed to David at the time the ark was brought to Jerusalem about 700 B.C.

Leader: O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing unto the Lord, bless His name; show forth His salvation from day to day.

Leader: For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.

People: Honour and majesty are before Him: strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Leader: Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Unison: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come into His courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, fear before Him all the earth.

Leader: Let us rise and sing the Doxology.

PENITENCE

Leader: (people seated)

Let us repeat responsively a prayer of penitence written over two thousand years ago and placed in our Bible as Psalm 130.

Leader: Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord.

People: Lord, hear my voice. let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

Leader: If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

People: But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared.

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope.

People: My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Leader: Let us now join in a prayer of confession:

Unison: Dear Lord and Master, we confess that we have not obeyed Thy will, but we have gone our own way. We have not been blessed peacemakers among the people; we have not been the mirror of Thy radiance, nor the image of Thy love. We, as members of Thy Church, which is Thy Body, have not confessed courageously enough, we have not prayed earnestly enough, and we have not loved ardently enough. Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn: (Tune Rivaulx) Book of Praise No. 138

ASSURANCE

Leader: (people seated)

Let us hear the assurance that God gave to Jeremiah after his prayer of penitence.

Leader: Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray unto Me, and I will hearken unto you. (Jer. 29: 12)

People: And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart. (Jer. 29: 13)

Leader: Let us hear what our Lord said to His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount.

Leader: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. (Matt. 7: 7, 8)

People: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matt. 11: 28-30)

Leader: For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Heb. 4: 15)

People: Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, became the author of eternal salvation unto them that obey Him. (Heb. 5: 8, 9)

Unison: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever. (Heb. 13: 8)
Our Father, we thank Thee for our ever Living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn: (Tune: Pater Omnium) Book of Praise No. 455

DEDICATION OF SELF

Leader: (people seated)

Let us hear how clearly the prophet Isaiah heard the call of God and how he answered it, in about the year 740 B.C.—over 2,690 years ago.

Leader: In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple.

People: Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

Leader: And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.

People: And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

Leader: Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

People: Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

Leader: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged.

Unison: Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I, send me. (Isa. 6: 1-8)

Leader: Let us hear how Jesus called a high Jewish official eight hundred years later.

Leader: There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night and said unto Him,

People: Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him.

Leader: Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. (John 3: 1-3)

People: Once more we hear Thy call, O Lord, and we respond. We dedicate ourselves anew to Thy Kingdom here on earth.

Leader: Let us hear how Jesus answered a lawyer's question.

Leader: Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law?

People: Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

Leader: And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matt. 22: 36-40)

People: Today we hear Thy call, O Lord. For almost two thousand years Thy Presence has been felt in the still small voice. Before we leave this house, help us to see what we must do to make ourselves of highest use to Thee, our Master.

Unison: And here we offer and present unto Thee, O God, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto Thee. Amen.

Hymn: (Tune: Woodworth) Book of Praise No. 410, verses 1, 3, 6

(To be sung with bowed heads)

INTERCESSION

Leader: Let us pray for their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth, for all counsellors and advisers of the Crown, and for leaders of all parts of the Commonwealth.

(Prayer by one appointed.)

Leader: Let us pray for our own country, Canada; for our own communities; and for a realization of our responsibility as citizens.

(Prayer by one appointed.)

Leader: Let us pray for the world family of nations, their leaders and their representatives in the United Nations; and for all refugees and displaced persons.

(Prayer by one appointed.)

Leader: Let us pray for the strengthening of the home; for all children and young people everywhere; and for those whose lives have been scarred by hunger, homelessness, falsehood and fear.

(Prayer by one appointed.)

Leader: Let us pray for our missionaries around the world, their work and witness; and for ourselves that we may have a deepening sense of responsibility and urgency in taking our share in the advancement of the Kingdom.

(Prayer by one appointed.)

Leader: Let us pray for the Church Universal; for the older Churches of the West, and for the younger Churches of the East; for those churches that are weak and struggling and those that are passing through times of suffering.

(Prayer by one appointed.)

Prayer in Unison:

O Christ, tender Shepherd of us all, who wast moved with compassion for all mankind, we come to Thee with our needs. Grant that by Thy grace we may feel one with another. Help us to grieve with those who grieve. Help us to weep with those who weep, to rejoice with those who rejoice, sharing all things and upholding each other. So, may the love of Christ within us truly cast out all fear of one another and make of us one community linked in faith with God. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Solo: (if desired)

Address:

A brief address on the work around the world which our gifts help to make possible, also showing the relation of our theme, ''Perfect Love Casteth Out Fear'', to these projects. (See the special leaflet, ''What Your Money Does''.)

Presentation of Offering

Leader: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3: 16)

(Soft music, while ushers receive and present offering.)

Leader: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who dost accept the gifts of everyone who offers willingly, accept we pray Thee the offering of us Thy servants which with glad and humble hearts we bring unto Thee.

Grant that our offering may be a symbol of the fellowship in faith and charity which unites those in all lands who confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

Grant that the use of our offering for Christian Literature may be a means whereby Thy Holy Word may run and be glorified in the hearts of those who receive it.

Grant that the hand of the Lord Jesus may so rest upon these offerings that they may be multiplied according to Thy holy will.

O Lord, our Father, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory who with Christ Jesus our Lord and the Holy Spirit are one in the unity of the blessed Trinity. Amen.

Hymn: (Tune: St. Clement) Book of Praise No. 671

Benediction: Now unto Him Who is eternal, immortal, invisible, the only just and all-wise God, be glory and honour, dominion and power, now and forever. Amen.

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THE WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL OF CANADA

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THE beginning of a new year is the time when many people make resolutions in the hope that in the year which lies before them they may do better than in the one just ended.

A very good resolution for all members of the Women's Missionary Society to make would be that in 1951 each one will endeavour to gain more information about the work of the Christian Church in the world and a better understanding of the lands and peoples to whom it ministers. Watch this page for suggestions in regard to books which will give that information.

How many really know much about the religion of the Moslem people—the religion that is second only to Christianity as a world force? If you are one who does not we suggest you begin by reading a recent book—INTRODUCING ISLAM by J. Christy Wilson, who for many years was a missionary in Iran and is now Associate Professor of Ecumenics at Princeton Theological Seminary.

INTRODUCING ISLAM is popularly written and illustrated with the aim of introducing Islam to ''every mind mature enough to inquire''. It begins by telling of the founder of Islam and the spread of that religion to various parts of the world; its essential beliefs, the Koran, its traditions; and gives an outline of Moslem doctrine in connection with the faith and practice of Islam, Islamic culture and the divisions and sects of Islam.

In the section entitled, ''The One Thing Needful'', the author says, ''Considered from the Christian missionary standpoint, Islamic lands are undoubtedly among the most difficult fields of the world. In fact, had Arabia not been early by-passed in the preaching of the true good news of Christ, Islam might never have come upon the stage of history.''

The book concludes with statements by Moslems who have accepted Christ, such as the following from a Moslem woman,—''If I were lost in the desert and came upon two figures, the one a dead man and the other living from which one would I ask the way? Now we know that Mahommed is dead and we visit his grave in Medina, but Christ arose from the dead and so I want to ask the way of life from Him.''

Read INTRODUCING ISLAM by J. Christy Wilson and learn about the history, beliefs and practises of Islam.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

What is YOUR Answer?

What do I mean to my Auxiliary?

Am I an asset?

What have I done for it?

Have I enlarged its influence?

Have I been able to interest others because of my enthusiasm and what I could tell about it?

Do I have enough zeal to whet a desire in the heart of another?

Do I go just when it pleases me or am I an inspiration because I'm always there?

Did I put any prayer or love or hard work into it last year?

Did I give systematically—or did I just give of what happened to be in my purse?

As an officer (perhaps a new one) do I know what my duties are?

If not, am I going to find out?

Do I regard my work as a Christian service and do I accept the responsibility?

These are a few of the questions we should ask ourselves as we enter this new year. If we answer them honestly and fearlessly then we will set up a new standard for ourselves and for our auxiliary. Then we can go forth to a better service relying on the promises of Him who never faileth and the prayer in each heart shall be—

> "God grant us wisdom in these coming days
> And eyes unsealed, that we clear visions see.
> Of that new world, that He would have us build,
> To life's ennoblement and His high ministry."

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, *Secretary*

Dear Auxiliary Members,

THIS month we start into a new year and we always make a few resolutions. We resolve to do bigger and better things. We might apply that to our auxiliary meetings. We want to have more members in our groups. We want to have more interesting meetings, also each member wants to feel that she personally is getting something out of each meeting.

Just take a few minutes and think back over your auxiliary meetings in 1950. Did you find them inspiring and informative? Did you go home with one constructive thought? Did you find that the prepared study completed the type of programme that you enjoy? Can you recall one meeting that you considered outstanding? We are asking these questions hoping you will write and tell us what you think. We would be delighted to have you make suggestions. How could auxiliary meetings be improved and what in your opinion constitutes a good meeting.

Will you discuss these questions at your meeting? Have each member express her opinion then ask one member to write and tell us what conclusions you have come to.

We who are members of this great Missionary Society know the importance and extensiveness of the work that is accomplished but we want to interest others. There are many young women in every church that we could bring to our meetings, but the meeting must stimulate their interest to such an extent that they will want to come back. However, all the information and help that is available will not make an interesting meeting unless some time and work is put on it before in order that you have a well-prepared meeting.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, *Secretary*

TO our leaders and girls everywhere and to our readers we extend cordial season's greetings.

Now that we have a brand new year we are all eager to make it a particularly bright one and we are resolved to do all we can to help and brighten the lives of those in our own land and in other lands.

In order to help others we must learn as much as we can about them and how better can this be done than by starting off the new year with our mission study.

This year our study *Around the World to Canada* was prepared by Miss Louise Reith, who is Literature Secretary for the Society. Miss Reith wrote the book *Our Share in the World Mission* on which our study is based and also prepared the programme suggestions and worship services which are contained in the packet.

Our department owes a deep debt of gratitude to Miss Reith for the splendid service she renders in giving to us this fine study and for the willing co-operation and assistance which she accords to us at all times.

At our request Miss Reith tells you all about the study now.

Canadian Presbyterian girls may have, via their mission study packet, a very swift, but we hope enlightening trip, *Around the World to Canada.*

During previous years the girls have thought in turn of India, British Guiana, China and Japan, and of the work of the Christian Church within their boundaries. This year their thoughts are directed particularly to what The Presbyterian Church in Canada is doing in those lands *to-day* and what more it should be doing. In imagination they will visit each one of the above mentioned countries where they will meet the workers who serve under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) then returning to Canada they will find our Church at work among people of many racial origins in their homeland.

Obviously the visit to each part of our work must be brief but it is hoped that as the girls think of the work in which they share through their affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society they will resolve to do their share in making the needed *advance* possible because the success of that advance depends upon every member of every Children's Group, every Girls' Group and every Auxiliary within the Society.

Louise A. Reith

The packet contains a source book of information, programme suggestions for six meetings, services of worship and pictures of our Society's missionaries overseas and in Canada.

We hope all Presbyterian girls will go *Around the World to Canada* this study year.

—*Louise A. Reith.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, *Secretary*

Leaders:

THE following story will probably fit into the early lessons in the study book. When the children are learning about the early settlers in Canada and the beginnings of the life of our Church in Canada, they might like to hear a true story of a little girl who lived in those days.

Many, many years ago when Canada was a very young country, a little girl named Janet lived in a small log house in the woods. She was just eight years old and while helping her mother one afternoon they were talking about wolves.

"Janet dear, there are very few wolves in our part of the country any more. You know, too, that God is looking after you. I want you always to remember the verse that your father read from the Bible this morning. It was 'In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust'."

Just then her father came around the corner of the house. He looked at Janet and then said: "Do you suppose you could go and get the cows? You have often gone with your brother Peter and you know the way."

Janet was just bursting with pride that her father would let her go all by herself. Her brown eyes were dancing and she said, "I would like to go and I do know the way."

Janet felt very important as she walked down the path. She was sure it was much farther to the big maple tree than it was when she went with Peter. At last she came to a big tree and turned into the woods. All of a sudden she began to be afraid because she thought a wolf might be hiding among the trees. She walked fast, looking back over her shoulder quite often. It seemed so long until she came to two stumps, then they were quite small stumps and Janet thought they should be big ones. She turned just as she was sure she remembered doing when Peter was with her. She walked and walked until she got very tired. She wondered why it took her so long to come to Uncle David's fence. She felt so frightened and alone. She knew now that she was lost.

She started back the way she had come and the woods seemed so big. Janet remembered the verse she had learned that morning. She said over and over "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust", and then added "please God help me to find my home."

After another long walk she came at last to a little store and she opened the door and went in, and a man seeing she was cold took her close to the fire. He asked her name. "I know your father, but you are a long way from home little girl."

Now when Janet didn't come home her father and Peter went to meet her. She had never got to Uncle David's, so Peter took the cows home. They knew how frightened and cold she would be. The father remembered too, the verse he had read that morning so he said, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust." Please, dear God, help me to find Janet." Soon he saw a light. Of course, it was in the same little store where Janet was getting warm.

Wasn't she the happy girl to see her father! On the way home as she was riding for awhile on his big strong shoulders she told him how she had remembered the verse. ''Why Janet, I remembered it too, and God brought me straight to you. Let us stop and say 'thank you' to God for answering our prayers.''

New Organizations

British Columbia

Westminster Presbyterial—North Vancouver, St. Stephen's Church, Explorer Group. Leader, Miss E. Sauter, 274 W. Kings.

Junior Mission Band, Children's Centre, Vancouver. Leader, Miss Winnifred Ripley, 1123 Burnaby St.

Explorer Group, Fairview Church, Vancouver. Leader, Miss Thelma MacLean, 1215 - W. 16th Ave.

Explorer Group, West Point Grey, Vancouver. Leader, Mrs. George Ledingham, 4756 W. 7th Ave.

Manitoba

Brandon Presbyterial—Ruby Walker Young Women's Auxiliary, Carberry. Pres., Miss Minnie Stewart; Treas., Mrs. Olive Collins; Sec., Mrs. Margaret Brown.

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—Slessor Explorer Group, Knox Church, Wallaceburg. Leaders, Miss Noira Laurie and Miss Lee Sutherland.

London Presbyterial—Mission Band, St. James Church, North Yarmouth. Leader, Mrs. Harold R. Dairs, R. R. 3, Belmont.

Paris Presbyterial—Mission Band, Knox Church, Brantford. Leader, Mrs. Walter Alum, Knox Presbyterian Church.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, St. James Church, Forest. Pres., Mrs. John Levie, Treas., Mrs. Burton Fraser; Sec., Mrs. Arthur Lochead.

Toronto and Kingston

North Bay Presbyterial—Mission Band, Parry Sound. Leader, Mrs. George Atkins, 104 Gibson St.

Temiskaming Presbyterial—Mission Band, Cochrane. Leader, Mrs. D. MacGregor.

Montreal and Ottawa

Montreal Presbyterial—Mission Band (reorganized), First Church, Verdun. Leader, Mrs. John Tristram, 693 Fifth Ave.

Mission Band, Knox Crescent and Kensington Church, Montreal. Leader, Mrs. R. E. Beadie, 4139 Beaconsfield Ave., N. D. G.

Explorer Group, St. Matthew's Church, Montreal. Leader, Mrs. Graham Beerouard, 543 Charron St.

Explorer Group, Tyndale House, Montreal. Leader, Miss Marjorie Wingfield, 5435 Verdun Ave., Verdun.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. W. Barlow, 149 W. 5th St.,
North Vancouver, Press Secretary

VICTORIA Presbyterial — The teen-age girls of the Presbyterial held their fall Rally at St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria.** Thirty-seven girls were present. Reverend J. L. W. McLean, minister of St. Andrew's Church and Mr. Douglas Wilson of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, spoke briefly to the girls. All thoroughly enjoyed the spirit of fun and fellowship and a happy evening was concluded by the singing of "taps".

Mrs. F. E. Adolph presided at the annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Nanaimo. The Reverend E. L. Garvin of Robertson Church, Vancouver, was guest speaker. Mrs. A. K. Young reported on the boys' and girls' camps held at "The Lagoon" and also at Roberts Creek.

The Reverend C. Sheil, B.A., of St. Paul's Church, Victoria, was guest speaker at the annual Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Victoria.**

The Explorer and C.G.I.T. groups of St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria,** entertained their mothers and friends at their annual Fall Tea. A pageant "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" was presented.

Westminster Presbyterial — The Fall Rally of the Presbyterial was held in Dunn Memorial Church on October 18th with delegates from Chilliwack to Vancouver. The speaker at the morning session was Mrs. R. Pollock, Synodical President. The Reverend K. C. Doka of Abbotsford, gave a comprehensive history of progress in the past fifty years.

Mrs. Robert Pollock was guest speaker at the Fall Thank-offering meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, **North Vancouver.** Greetings were received from the Session and Board of Managers.

Prince Rupert Auxiliary had the privilege of meeting Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary. She met with the Mission Band, Explorers, C.G.I.T., Bible Class and Sunday School teachers.

The Thank-offering meeting of Marpole Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** was held at the home of Mrs. Innes McDougall. The guest speaker was Mrs. Robert Pollock, who gave an informative talk on the proceedings of the Council Meeting in Guelph.

Mrs. Murdo Pollock was the guest speaker at the Fall Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Auxiliary. She took for her topic "Reasons for Thanksgiving".

The Fall Thank-offering meeting of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary proved to be one of the most interesting meetings of the current year. The Reverend K. C. Doka, of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Abbotsford, was guest speaker. Mr. Doka, took as his topic "Christianity To-day". The Auxiliary was honoured in having two members of the Kirk Session take charge of the evening devotions, Mr. William Mearns and Mr. J. McGlashan. Two young men of the congregation received the offering, which was the most liberal in the history of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. B. Skene was guest speaker at the Fall Thank-offering meeting of St.

Paul's Auxiliary. She reported on the Pre-Assembly Congress and told of her recent trip obroad.

ALBERTA

Mrs. M. S. Blackburn, Box 68,
Banff, Press Secretary

CALGARY Presbyterial—**Banff** Senior Auxiliary had a well-attended Thank-offering meeting, with a showing of W.M.S. slides on our work in China.

The three missionary groups of Knox Church, **Calgary,** united to hold a Thank-offering meeting on October 11th. Mrs. J. Jones, president of the Senior group, presided, opening the meeting with prayer. Members of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary took the devotional service on the Thanksgiving theme. The film ''The Second Chance'' supplied by the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church was shown and made a personal challenge to each one present. It is of note that there was an unusually large attendance at this Thank-offering meeting.

The groups again united, this time with the Women's Association of the church on November 9th, in honour of Mrs. A. J. Gowland. Mrs. Gowland and the Reverend Mr. Gowland and their two small daughters are leaving Calgary for Toronto, where Mr. Gowland will take over the charge of Dufferin Street Church.

Edmonton Presbyterial—A very enthusiastic and well-attended meeting of the Presbyterial Executive was held in First Church, **Edmonton,** with the president, Mrs. Kelman presiding. Miss Athalie Read and Mrs. Kelman spoke of the work being done when they had visited Gilt Edge and Killam, holding successful meetings. Good work is being done by our deaconesses in charge of the W.M.S. van in Rocky Mountain House district.

Red Deer Presbyterial—About forty were present when the Home Helpers were entertained at supper by the Senior Auxiliary of **Carstairs.** The Thank-offering meeting was well attended. Roll Call was answered by each one telling of something for which she was thankful. Each member brought a small Christmas gift for our Indian School parcel.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Mr. Bruce Herrod, student minister from Knox College, Toronto, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Moose Jaw.** He paid tribute to those who so ably carry on the different organizations of the Church on the mission fields of the province without the aid of an ordained minister. Reverend W. McKinnon cited several encouraging incidents in connection with the work of the Presbyterian Church in Saskatchewan and mentioned specifically the splendid survey conducted during the past summer by the student deaconesses, Miss Grace Baron and Miss Hazel Turnbull.

The Auxiliary and Friendship Circle of Knox Church, Moose Jaw, met together for their autumn Thank-offering meeting and had the pleasure of having both Miss M. Gillies, Presbyterial delegate and Mrs. W. Kelly, Synodical President, give their reports of the Council Meeting held in Guelph, Ontario. Miss Gillies stressed the importance of the devotional part of the Auxiliary meetings. Mrs. Kelly presented the highlights of the Council

Meeting, mentioning the various departments of our Society.

Regina Presbyterial — The Women's Federation of First Church, **Regina**, held their autumn Thank-offering meeting on the evening of November 13th, with Mrs. John Shaw, President, presiding. In memory of Mrs. W. A. Thomson and of her great interest in missionary work a presentation was made to Dr. W. A. Thomson by Mrs. Shaw. Dr. A. F. Howick of Weyburn Church was the guest speaker, taking as his subject Paul's prayer in the third chapter of Ephesians. He spoke of the work of the Church as being missionary work—missions of the hand and of the heart; of the unity of Christian believers and the strength of the Spirit in the individual heart which is rooted and grounded in love. The situation we face to-day, said Dr. Howick, requires inner strength and Christ's voice alone can stay the present unrest.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — At the Thank-offering meeting at St. Andrew's Church, **Brandon,** the guest speaker was Rev. W. Williams. He chose as his subject: ''The Challenge of the Church''.

A well attended Thank-offering meeting was held in First Church Brandon.

Mrs. F. McKay presided at the Thank-offering meeting of the **Minnedosa** Auxiliary. Members of Neepawa Auxiliary and Minnedosa United Church were guests. The speaker was Miss Jean Morrow who had attended the World Convention on Christian Education in Toronto.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Norwood—A supper meeting was held in Norwood Church. Mrs. C. Gibbs presided. Mrs. Jervis spoke on the history of the auxiliary. Members of the session attended.

Stonewall—Mrs. G. W. Bradley was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Stonewall Auxiliary, held in the home of Miss Lydia Anderson. Mrs. Bradley gave a report of the recent Council Meeting held in Guelph.

Winnipeg—Members of Calvin Auxiliary heard Mrs. J. S. Hutchison at their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Hutchison spoke on: ''Opportunity and Service''. She also told of her visit to the Old Country and of the churches she had attended in Scotland. The Mission Band took part in the programme.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —The first rally of the Evening Department of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Owen Sound**, November 3rd. Mrs. Duncanson, Chatsworth, Presbyterial Secretary for the Evening Department presided and introduced the guest speaker, Miss Luzetta McClelland Evening Department Secretary on Council Executive. An open discussion period followed Miss McClelland's informative and interesting talk on our ''Advance''.

An executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Owen Sound** November 14th. At the afternoon session Mrs. J. S. Dobbie gave a report of the Council Meeting held in Guelph in September. Miss Annie Gilchrist gave a most inspiring address on the tradition of our Church. She also touched on the eight outstanding points of the Calvinistic doctrine.

The October Thank-offering meeting of the Senior and Beatrice Scott Auxiliaries of **Port Elgin**, was held in the church auditorium October 11th when guests were present from Dunblane, Burgoyne and North Bruce. Mrs. G. A. Robertson, Tara, Presbyterial President, as guest speaker, took as her topic ''Study, Pray and Give''; all are requisites of our Women's Missionary Society. Three C.G.I.T. girls sang.

Visitors from Owen Sound, Port Elgin and Allenford joined with the Hanna-Reith Auxiliary, **Tara**, for their fall Thank-offering meeting in November. Mrs. D. MacDonald, wife of Reverend Donald MacDonald, Tara, was guest speaker. Mrs. MacDonald formerly was a missionary in the state of Hyderabad, Central India, sent out by the Church of Scotland.

An interesting episode in her address was that of the washing away, by monsoon floods, of a village situated on an island between two rivers. This disaster occurred in her own district. The missionary turned contractor: soon the villagers were building new mud huts and using oxen-driven mixers to make the bricks. Mrs. George Robertson, Presbyterial President and also a member of the Tara Auxiliary, presided at this meeting.

Chatham Presbyterial—At a meeting of the Executive of the Presbyterial held in First Church, **Chatham**, arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, on January 16th and 17th. Here, too, Mrs. D. R. McLaren gave a most informative talk on the Pre-Assembly Congress in Montreal.

The **Amherstburg** Auxiliary held their annual fall Thank-offering meeting October 25th at the home of Mrs. Andrew Dobie, when their president, Mrs. Ray Kenyon was honoured. Miss Norma Hackett of Windsor addressed the meeting on ''Our Song of Thanksgiving''.

The 17th anniversary of the Isabel McConnell Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Leamington**, was celebrated November 14th. Mrs. H. C. Tait of Windsor, Evening Department Secretary, gave the address and took as her topic ''Let your light so shine''.

In an address given by Mrs. J. P. Fletcher of Chatham at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Wallaceburg**, she asked ''Why the Women's Missionary Society''? Because of Christ's command ''Go and Preach''. Every Christian should be interested in the missionary work of her church. Do we find excuses for not engaging in this work?

The Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church, Wallaceburg, celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 10th using as its theme ''Praise and Thanksgiving''. Guests were present and greetings brought from the Anglican, Baptist and United Churches of the town while former members from Goderich and Chatham also were warmly welcomed. The Senior Auxiliary, the C.G.I.T. and the Mission Band all had a share in the meeting. Mrs. D. J. Lane, who organized the auxiliary 25 years ago was the speaker of the evening.

The Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary of St. Andrew's, Windsor, at its first fall meeting discussed plans for providing entertainment for the residents of the ''Homestead''. Mrs. W. L. Stevenson, Welcome and Welfare Secretary is to be in charge of the programme. The Reverend H. M. Paulin was the speaker at the October meeting of the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary.

At the regular meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Windsor**, Miss L. Waugh gave an interesting talk on Korea. The president, Mrs. W. Whittaker, was in the chair.

Mrs. M. A. Mepham presided for the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor. In her inspiring Thanksgiving talk Mrs. G. S. Issell said, ''Not only for the little things, but for the land we cherish, the way of life and the freedom we maintain, may we truly enter into His courts with praise''. Mrs. W. L. Tuckey, honorary president, made the presentation of an Honorary Life Membership to Mrs. Ingold.

A Christmas card signed by all the members of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, at their November meeting, was mailed to Miss Isabel McConnell at Vellore Hospital, India. In commenting on the last chapter of the study book Mrs. J. B. McAlpine quoted the Korean Christians, when the missionaries were driven out during the war, as saying, ''We've learned the Gospel faithfully and will carry on.''

Huron Presbyterial—The Reverend D. A. Simpson of Cranbrook, gave a very impressive message at the annual Thank-offering meeting of **Auburn** Auxiliary.

At the October meeting of Caven Auxiliary, **Exeter,** Mr. Roy Campbell spoke on the Pre-Assembly Congress in Montreal. Another interesting feature of this meeting was a biographical sketch of John Roventine, given by Mrs. J. Taylor.

Reverend Reba Hern of Varna, gave a soul-stirring address to the Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary of First Church, **Seaforth,** at their annual Thank-offering meeting. She took as her subject, ''The Soul that on Jesus Hath Leaned for Repose''. Twelve C.G.I.T. girls sang.

On September 19th the Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary of First Church, Seaforth, celebrated its 30th anniversary when auxiliary members and women from all the church's organizations were their guests. A most interesting résumé of the work of the Auxiliary from 1920, its organization year, was given by Miss S. I. McLean, a charter member. A film on our overseas mission fields was an added feature.

The Senior Auxiliary of First Church, Seaforth, held its Thank-offering meeting with guests present from Hensall and Brucefield. Mrs. P. A. Ferguson, Hensall, addressed a very appreciative audience on her life and work in Saskatchewan.

London Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of Knollwood Park Church, **London,** held their fall Rally in November. Mrs. J. R. Waldie presided. Mrs. Curr, president of Toronto West Presbyterial, was the guest speaker in the afternoon. Her theme was ''The Task of the Christian Church''.

Mrs. J. K. West presided in the evening when Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary, gave us much to think about as she told of her experiences in her work in the west. The Dutton Auxiliary for the second consecutive year had the largest attendance at this rally.

Ninety members, former members and guests, gathered recently in New St. James Church, London, for the 25th anniversary of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary. A résumé of the auxiliary was read by Mrs. Wm. Adamson. The guest speaker, Mrs. J. A. Elliott, Ailsa Craig, took as her subject ''Our Missionary Objective''. She urged the members to ''Keep your own lamp lit for persons coming after you''.

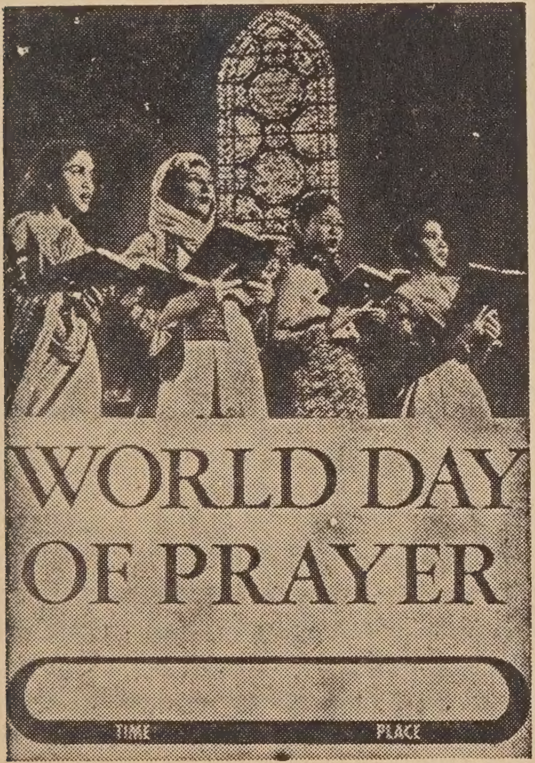
Paris Presbyterial — The afternoon Auxiliary of Central Church, **Brantford,** welcomed members from the Alexandra, Knox and Mount Pleasant Auxiliaries as

Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, was the speaker. She brought an inspiring, heart-stirring message. Her remarks were based on this theme, ''It's great to be alive, it's great to be a Canadian, it's great to be a Christian, it's great to be missionary-minded, *but* it's a great responsibility.''

Glengarry Presbyterial — Lancaster Auxiliary assisted by members of the Young Women's Auxiliary and Mission Band, observed the 25th anniversary of their Auxiliary, by a special service in St. Andrew's Church—''The Old Stone Church''. Members of neighbouring Auxiliaries, and several ladies who assisted at the organization meeting were present. Mrs. Mildred Gehman, former medical missionary in Yunnan and Manchuria, was the guest speaker.

Ottawa Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Aylmer**, held their annual Home Helpers Meeting in November. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. G. Brown, Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary, who gave an interesting talk on the splendid work done through the years by our deaconesses in Canada, and the expansion of this work, and the Vans which are now serving outlying districts. The Home Helpers Secretary, Miss Riley, gave an account of the Synodical Executive meeting recently held at Perth.

The Thank-offering meeting of St. Giles, Auxiliary, **Ottawa**, was addressed by Mrs. Holtby, President of Ottawa Presbyterial of the United Church, who brought an inspiring Thanksgiving message. At the November meeting, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, was the speaker, her subject ''Our Council's Missionary Garden''.



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Toronto West Presbyterial — At the autumn Thank-offering meeting of the Mary McKerroll Auxiliary of Victoria Church, **Toronto,** Mr. Wenchi Kim, a Korean pastor now in Toronto, briefly outlined the history of missionary work among the Koreans in Japan. Mr. Kim presented a challenge to us that the missionary work of the Church required to be supported by our very lives.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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MRS. Harcourt Emra, Synodical President, presided at all sessions of the Synodical Executive meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, **Perth.** The resignation of Mrs. A. G. Cameron, Corresponding Secretary, who was forced through illness to give up the office, was regretfully accepted. Mrs. Smith of Montreal, who had filled in during Mrs. Cameron's illness, was warmly thanked for her help. Miss Isabel Hill of Ottawa has consented to fill the office for the remainder of the year.

At the evening meeting reports of the various sessions of the Council Meeting held in Guelph, were given. The guest speaker was Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary, who told the members that the hope of the Church for tomorrow, is in teaching children and urged all to look for and encourage leaders for children's and young people's work, and not to be afraid to try new methods, to pray continually that leaders may be found. Greetings were brought by Reverend J. K. Lattimore of Smiths Falls, Moderator of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa.

Wednesday morning was devoted to reports from the six Presbyterial Presidents, and an interesting Question Box, conducted by Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell and Mrs. Baker.

Brockville Presbyterial—The Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church, **Kemptville,** celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 24th. The guests on this auspicious occasion were former members from Ottawa, and members of the sister Auxiliaries of Winchester, Mountain, South Mountain, Oxford Mills, Spencerville, St. John's United and St. James Anglican Churches.

Mrs. F. Gill, daughter of Mrs. T. G. Cosgrove, the first treasurer, and president of St. Paul's Auxiliary, ably presided, extending a cordial welcome to the 150 friends assembled. A special greeting was accorded Mrs. P. K. Halpin, daughter of the late Mrs. John Dowsley, president of Brockville Presbyterial and organizer of St. Paul's Auxiliary. Reverend M. N. McDonald, a life member of the Women's Missionary Society, led the devotions. A unique feature of the worship service was the fact that the hymns and Scripture reading were those used at the organization meeting 50 years ago at the home of Miss Sally Mundle. Mrs. Charles Robertson, daughter of the first secretary, Mrs. R. J. Percival, gave a historical sketch, calling to mind the names of all Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and charter members of the past half century.

Miss E. Carlyle conducted an impressive memorial service. As a special tribute to the late Miss Ione Cumming and Mrs. Wm. Kinch, Mrs. J. H. Allen placed a beautiful basket of flowers on the table. Greetings from the Mission Band, the oldest missionary organization in St. Paul's Church were brought by Gary Wilson in an address and by the members in a chorus.

the members of Stroud Auxiliary. The Reverend A. C. G. Muir was guest speaker and asked for earnest prayer for all missionaries and mission work of the Church.

The sixtieth anniversary of the Auxiliary of Zion Church, **Sunnidale Corners**, was attended by many neighbouring Auxiliaries and visitors. Mrs. T. F. Burrows presented an interesting historical sketch of the Auxiliary. A memorial service honouring the memory of faithful and devoted members was conducted by the minister Reverend J. D. Jack. In her address, Mrs. P. B. Reid, Reg.N., of Collingwood, stressed the need for the restoration of- the family altar—thus acquainting children in early years with the word of God that later they might take their places as labourers for His Kingdom.

A special feature was the presentation of a gift of money to the Auxiliary, the gift of Mrs. C. Wilson of Duluth, Minn., the first secretary of the auxiliary and daughter of the first president, Mrs. Archie Currie, in whose memory the money had been given.

Mrs. Gray, daughter of Reverend Judd and third generation missionary in China, was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of **Stroud** Auxiliary. She asked that we pray earnestly for Christianity in China as communism will not prevail where Christ is.

North Bay Presbyterial—Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary for the three eastern Synodicals, visited **Sudbury**, October 11-16, speaking to Senior and Evening Auxiliaries and Mission Bands, as well as a meeting of the Presbyterial Executive. Miss Walker gave very helpful suggestions for stimulating interest in the Auxiliary and promoting new groups particularly girls' groups and Mission Bands. On the Sunday Miss Walker visited three Sunday Schools including the Chinese department. The Chinese young people have now organized and meet twice a month and the Chinese women are to meet every other Saturday afternoon.

At the autumn Thank-offering meeting of **Burk's Falls**, Miss Ruby Walker gave an instructive outline of the work being done in the west. The Mission Band and Explorer Group have been re-organized.

Members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Parry Sound, including the Home Helpers, met for supper and later held the Thank-offering meeting. Miss Ruby Walker spoke on the Presbyterian missionary and educational work throughout Canada.

Orangeville Presbyterial — Speaking at a rally of the Presbyterial held in Knox Church, Ventry, Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial, chose as her subject ''The Task of the Christian Church''.

Mr. Wenchi Kim, a Korean pastor from Japan, who is now attending Knox College, Toronto, spoke to the women at the Sectional rally held in Tweedsmuir Church, **Orangeville.** Mr. Kim said wars are caused by sin in the human heart and the Gospel is the only remedy for the individual as well as for the nations.

Saugeen Presbyterial — Mrs. Mary Alice Ellison McMullen, beloved wife of the late Reverend Andrew Joseph McMullen, passed away quietly in her sleep on Wednesday, October 18th, at the home of her son, the Reverend Andrew W. J. McMullen, **Harriston.** Mrs. McMullen was very active in all branches of women's work in the churches which she served. While at Kirkfield, some 25 years ago, Mrs. McMullen was honoured by the local Auxiliary which made her a life member.

well as the Mission Band at their fall Thank-offering meeting when Miss Betty Isbister, Toronto, presented a coloured film of the Far East. This film was taken by Reverend J. Allan Munro and Miss Laura K. Pelton and showed conditions under which our missionary work is being done in Japan, North Formosa and India.

Recently a large number of Brantford citizens as well as many from Paris gathered in Central Church, to enjoy an address by Miss Laura K. Pelton. She spoke of her visit to our overseas mission fields.

The **Paris** afternoon Auxiliary joined with the Helen Young Auxiliary for their fall Thank-offering meeting when Dr. L. N. Magg, minister to the Hungarian Presbyterians throughout the Presbytery, gave an excellent talk on mission work among his people in Canada. He expressed sincere gratitude for the kindness of Canadians.

Stratford Presbyterial — Tentative plans for the holding of the 1951 annual Presbyterial meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, on January 11th were made by the ladies attending the fall executive meeting of the Presbyterial held in Knox Church, **Stratford.** Vacancies replaced were, Mrs. J. Brydone, Milverton, Young Women's Secretary and Mrs. R. McMillan, Listowel, Welcome and Welfare Secretary. Reports proved that sectional meetings held throughout the year were most helpful. Mrs. Erskine, President, gave an interesting summary of the Hamilton and London Synodical Board meeting. A goodly portion of the afternoon session was given over to a discussion period when problems arising out of our work were well discussed.

Almost 100 attended the annual meeting of the Northern Sectional group of the Presbyterial held in **Atwood** Church. Auxiliaries represented were from North **Mornington,** Britton, Listowel, Milverton, Monkton, Wingham, Central, Northern, 10th and 12th Concession, the Young Women's and Evening Auxiliaries and two members representing the Calder Mission Band, Atwood. Mrs. George Cleland of Listowel presided. The Reverend Hugh Pritchard, minister of the Atwood Church and Moderator of Stratford Presbytery, spoke briefly. Mrs. Mowbray of Wingham, guest speaker, took as her theme ''Thanksgiving'', using as an illustration the parable of the ten lepers.

Mrs. R. Hyde presided over a sectional meeting of the Presbyterial in **North Easthope** Church. Mrs. C. G. Davis of Stratford, was the speaker. The theme of her remark was ''Life without vision is a very poor thing—we as Christians must give to the world a vision with Christ as the centre.''

The 60th anniversary of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary of North Easthope, was celebrated at the home of Mrs. D. Hyde. Guests were present from Shakespeare and Mitchell. Mrs. Robert Rennie read the history of the Auxiliary, outlining the achievements and the changes since its inception in 1889 by a group of women from Harrington.

Mrs. G. Lamont of Mitchell, told of her experiences in the Maritime Provinces where she had lived for some years. She also spoke of the outstanding achievements of the women of the Presbyterian Church in mission work throughout Canada.

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November 30th, 1950

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Missionaries' Salaries held in Canada on request	$ 771.11
Hospitalization rates received from workers	39.95
Life Membership pins	102.00
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	9,887.41
Mrs. K. W. Cameron, Toronto in memory of Mrs. A. Kirkpatrick, ''Support of a graduate from the Hill Bible School, Taiwan''	100.00
Women's Association, Rosedale Church, Toronto ''Miss K. Sun''	25.00
Mrs. E. Gibson, Innisfail, ''Chinese Missionary Work''	10.00
Paisley Block Auxiliary, 50th Anniversary Special Offering for the second Mobile Medical Clinic for India	165.15
Jean McDougall Y. W. Guild, Vancouver, ''Miss E. Douglas' Work, India''	20.15
Central Church Auxiliary, Galt, Ont., ''Special Gift for third Van for Western Canada''.	500.00
Miss Morton, Brantford, Ont., ''Support of Native worker in India''	10.00
Rent from Missionary	20.00
Synodical givings:	
Alberta	650.00
Saskatchewan	360.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	18.20
Manitoba	588.65
Toronto and Kingston	6,560.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	721.10
Hamilton and London	9,700.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	84.33
Montreal and Ottawa	4,740.00
	$35,073.05

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 179.16
Birtle, Government Grant	4,655.29
Cecilia Jeffrey	182.15
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Deaconesses	747.78
Chinese in Canada	1,062.32
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Montreal	339.06
Port Work	116.66
National Advance	165.44
St. Margaret's Centre	375.85
India:	
Jhansi Field	4,910.00
Bhil Field	5,647.75
Formosa	2,398.40
Overseas Advance	1,142.50
Visual Aids	4.80
Christian Literature	75.00
Organization	1,343.63
Publications	1,457.27
Supplies	2,357.94
Administration	1,619.59
Deputation	546.62
Exchange	19.63
Grants	521.00
Miss Ruth Elder (Candidate).	105.58
Miscellaneous, Special Gifts paid to India and Taiwan	299.46
Workers' Pension rates deposited in Pension Fund	712.51
	$35,025.24

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Interest	$ 105.46
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
Estate of Miss Helen Mahood through Senior Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, "Second Mobile Medical Clinic, India"	600.00
Estate of Mrs. Geo. Landreth through Senior Auxiliary, Knox's Church, Galt, "New Buildings, repairs or alterations"	150.00
Central Church Auxiliary, Galt, "Second Mobile Medical Clinic, India"	1,000.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Payment on loan	15.00
Miss E. Henderson, Toronto, "Education of Louise Henderson Margtinya, India"	65.00
Interest	30.49
Pension Fund—	
Annuity Rates from workers	712.51
Interest	231.11
Special Fund—	
Interest	41.76
Overseas Fund—	
Interest	43.07
	$3,019.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Overseas Fund—	
Church Buildings for Koreans in Japan	$4,000.00
Legacy Fund—	
Kindergarten Equipment for Chinese Church, Montreal	26.35
Building House at Balkar, Bhil Field, India	2,000.00
Interest on Permanent Endowment, Bhil Field, India	96.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Scholarships for students in India	125.00
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The Reward

BY REVEREND K. G. McMILLAN, B.A., B.D.

''But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
And they shall walk, and not faint.'' Isaiah 40: 31.

OUR generation is inclined to make light of the rewards awaiting those who follow Christ with their whole hearts. It has frequently been suggested that the Christian who is preoccupied with being rewarded for what he does has an ulterior motive in his religion. This, of course, can be true. One of yesterday's great Christian leaders said that with ten men wholly committed to Christ he could conquer the world. The qualifications he asked were:

To give and not to count the cost,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To labour and to seek for no reward
Save that of knowing that we do His will.

At the same time it must be said that the rewards are an integral part of our Faith. The Christian who does not at the present moment feel the thrill of the rewards, present and to come, has an immature and incomplete Christian Faith.

Our reward is not necessarily success according to the standards of the world. God's judgment as to what constitutes success may very well be entirely different from ours. The Master is not recorded to have said, ''Well done, thou good and successful servant'', but ''Well done, thou good and faithful servant''. In our desire to be successful we may very easily fail to see that the real rewards are only for those who have been faithful unto life's end. ''Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life'' saith the spirit unto the church at Smyrna.

The rewards of following Christ and heeding His call to share in the spread of the Gospel are many but we shall mention only three.

(1) Eternal Life

How lightly, at times, we regard this mighty pillar of our Faith even though we may repeat ''I believe—in the Life everlasting''! That there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness; that our full reward is in Heaven; that in our Father's house are many mansions; that the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death; that there is a resurrection of the just; that we look for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God, is a hope which sustains us in life's darkest hours and saves us from despair when we are beset with suffering, persecution, failure and defeat.

Our Faith is eschatological and the Theologian was right when he said, ''A Christianity which is not altogether and utterly eschatological has altogether and utterly nothing to do with Jesus Christ''. A reward to which we look forward and for which we need not apologize is that we shall live with Him for all eternity.

(2) The Final Victory of Christ

To speak of Christ being victorious to-day may seem like indulging in an illusion with no regard to the facts of our time. Whole nations which a few decades ago were at least nominally Christian are to-day avowedly pagan. New faiths are all about us bidding for the allegiance of men. The Christian Church which fifty years ago felt it was on the threshold of an era which would usher in the Kingdom of God among men and evangelize the world in that generation now recognizes that it is a minority movement in the world.

Yet, we assert, that in the grim battle of our day we are on the winning side. The day will dawn when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, and the nations of the world will become the kingdoms of our God. We are not associated with a lost cause but with the only thing in all the world that can never be destroyed. Christ has assured us that He will build His Church in every generation ''and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it''. In the closing days of His earthly life, even while He faced the Cross, He said with utmost confidence, ''Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world''. We who are His followers and workers to-day have the reward of knowing that Christ will conquer all.

(3) The Joy of Knowing That We Do His Will

The inhabitants of this continent regard the pursuit of happiness as a sacred privilege. It is only to echo what is being affirmed on all sides to say that while happiness is being pursued by millions and untold facilities have been placed at their disposal to promote it, still, it evades them continuously and is always just beyond their grasp. Happiness can never be achieved by seeking it. Happiness is always a by-product. It is the result of doing God's will. As long as we continue to pursue contentment, happiness and joy we shall never know them, but on the day when we commit our ways entirely to God and surrender ourselves wholly to His will, with no thought of any reward, joy and happiness flood over our souls. This is the peace of God which Christ said the world could neither give nor take away. It is a reward awaiting all who have an eye single to His glory and a will wholly committed to His leading.

It is quite apparent that any thought of personal rewards was far from Isaiah's thinking. He had answered God's call, accepted His presence and proclaimed His message not for his own sake but for God's. Thus he experienced in all their fullness the rewards that God reserves for His true followers. It is when you and I, in the same spirit, enter into the missionary enterprise of our time that God's rewards are bestowed upon us in the same gracious abundance as of old.

Prayer

O Saviour, who didst set Thy face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem to Thy Cross and passion; help us, Thy weak and wavering disciples, to be firm and resolute in doing those things that lie before us. Help us to overcome difficulties and to persevere in spite of failures. When we are weary and disheartened and ready to give in, do Thou fill us with fresh courage and strength, and keep us faithful to our work, and grant at the last that we may receive a crown of righteousness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This is the fourth and final meditation on the theme ''Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes''. We are grateful to the Reverend K. G. McMillan of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, for making them available to us.

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Vellore — A Woman's Triumph

BY E. D. WINCHESTER BURNABY, M.D.

Dr. Ida Scudder

TWO characteristics I've noticed in Women's Missionary Society women, by and large, are that they incline toward feminism—they like to see a woman take her place and do a job of it—and secondly, they like to ensure value received for the money entrusted to them for the furtherance of the cause of Christ in far places. The colossal job which Vellore Christian Medical College is doing in India can satisfy us.

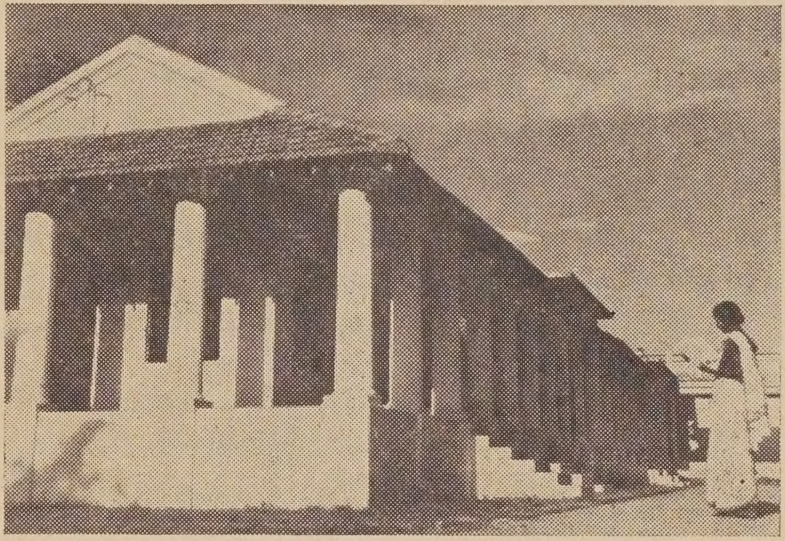
Not even a tourist could visit India without being moved by the physical suffering of the people. No missionary has ever gone to India who didn't pine to give the healing touch in His name. Most Mission Boards have tried to establish some medical work for relief of distress and because of the great opportunity it gives to demonstrate the love of Christ.

The snag is that no small band of foreigners can hope to touch the needs of 300,000,000 people. For this reason, many missions have attempted training schools for nurses, the training of midwives and a few schools for licensed practitioners. All this has helped, but none has gone far enough to train the Indian Christian medical person to stand on his or her own feet and take command of the situation. The reason we have fallen short is because we haven't been willing to pay enough and wait long enough.

The cost of a class "A" medical school is beyond our budget. The Indian men and women who have the ability, the primary education and the will to follow through the long years of training are few. Only an ecumenical enterprise is big enough to make the step forward for India.

Vellore Christian Medical College came through the sterling qualities of one Christian medical woman. Her original idea was to train women to relieve the distress of their sisters who would rather die than receive the care of male physicians. As such she contributed three hundred Christian women licensed to practice in India. At the age of seventy (ten years ago) she was faced with a change of government which decreed that either the school come up to university standards or cease. Perhaps this meant that the new government was sincerely interested in improving medical standards or perhaps they wanted to squeeze out foreign influence. At any rate Vellore, with the support of many countries and many branches of the faith, has brought its standard up to that of a class ''A'' medical school. This has meant increased bed capacity, extension into every branch of medicine and raising of the standard of the teaching staff.

Think of a few of the difficulties which they have overcome. The government says that a professor must have a fellowship degree. One friend who has gone to India soon after graduation and taught Obstetrics and Gynecology and handled with ease abnormalities which we would meet here once in fifty years, must come back to school and learn the recent advance in the primary sciences. They have qualified and acquired the new laboratory equipment and other qualifications.



One of Vellore's newer ward building

In 1951 what have they got? A staff of brown and white men and women from many different countries and with many different native dialects but one faith. The head is no less than an Indian woman.

If the job of producing doctors in India is difficult that of training and keeping nurses is a nightmare! The Indian woman and her family do not understand the career woman. No hospital nor public health plan can function without nurses. Small projects such as our nurses' training centre in Jobat are terribly important. Even if a nurse marries as soon as she graduates and has a baby every year she still has much to contribute to the community. But no nursing project will succeed unless those doing the teaching are kept alive to new developments by postgraduate training and Vellore is the only centre I know of in India where such training is available.

Liberation Diary

One year ago in Yunnan under the Chinese Communist regime

BY REVEREND R. MALCOLM RANSOM

February 17th, 1950—

TODAY is Chinese New Year's Day. Although the government of the New China has officially adopted the western calendar, the people of Yunnan have from time immemorial lived and died by the old lunar calendar, setting their feast days, forecasting the weather, and determining "auspicious" days for such events as weddings, travel and even funerals, by its calculations. And New Year's Day is the biggest day in all the year!

Happy New Year, Comrade!

On every side there is the sound of revelry. The air is filled with the din of exploding fire-crackers. Soon after the mid-morning meal was eaten the whole populace went out onto the streets, all dressed in their New Year's best, to exchange greetings with their friends. The weather was crisp, and many people carried little fire-baskets filled with hot coals that could be used to keep the hands warm, or tucked under the jacket for central heating.

Most of the homes are brightly bedecked with new paper gods pasted on the front door, resplendent in their vari-coloured printing, and im-

Photo by Malcolm Ransom

Women in the fields of Kienshui transplanting rice soon after the "New Year".

pressively ferocious. The characters on the door posts are on new and different-coloured paper according to the year of mourning; white for one year, orange for two, blue for three, and red for four or more years. The gods are placated with the odour of sweet incense from joss sticks placed in front of the house, some of them four feet long and as thick as a baseball bat. The shops are closed, but there are many little booths along the street with a galaxy of intriguing luxuries for sale. Brilliantly coloured miniatures of the gods; life-like flowers moulded in gaudy hues; masks of all the generals and villians in Chinese drama, life-size and terrifying; toys cleverly designed out of discarded GI tin cans, unpainted and bearing unmistakeable signs of their lowly origin in the ''Corn Beef Hash'' or ''Pork & Beans'' that can be distinguished on them in unexpected places; candies, nuts, water-chestnuts; pancakes filled with a sweet paste, and hot off the griddle; candied puffed-rice balls; dried bean-curd tid-bits hot from the coals; balloons, fire-crackers galore and dried sun-flower seeds. The mood is one of gaiety and good will. And over all floats the dramatic, yellow-starred red flag of the New China!

New Thoughts for Old

It is evident that the day is closely associated with the superstitious beliefs of the community, and under normal conditions there is much traffic at the temples. But the new regime, by astute manipulation, successfully side-tracked much of the enthusiasm into political channels, and found in the festivities of the day another opportunity for propaganda. Capitalizing on the holiday, they staged a huge show and mass meeting on the parade-ground just outside the great Confucian Temple. The whole population turned out. They thrilled to a dragon dance put on by the Red Army, listened docilely to speeches lauding Russia's magnificent generosity in the new Sino-Soviet Treaty which was dramatically announced today, and watched a series of plays depicting the triumphs of communism over Chiang's corruption, American imperialism and Christian superstition.

Propaganda with a Punch

February 18th —

One month ago today we were ''liberated'' for the fourth and last time. That day the National Communist Army drove out the bedraggled remnants of Chiang's 8th Army, and formally took over the government of south Yunnan. Quickly, efficiently, ruthlessly they went into action. It was accompanied by a terrific barrage of propaganda in the most thorough-going program of indoctrination I have ever seen. Ever since that day the whole valley has been ringing with songs,—robust, fighting songs. Skilfully the communists have revived a lot of the old folk songs of China with their haunting, easily-sung melodies. To many of them they have put communist words. Everybody is singing them. And they make good singing.

The Army, the core of the movement, has daily instruction in communist doctrine. After a period of ''self-examination'' each evening, army groups shout fighting slogans back and forth from group to group all of which have bearing upon the communist program. They chant their ''litanies'' built around certain aspects of the faith, as for example, the Eight People's Principles. In this, the leader leads off with a question or an ascription of praise, and all respond with memorized and fervent responses containing solid explanations of this basic document. At the close of each of the Eight Principles there is a chorus lauding that particular point. All schools have new text-books telling the Truth about the world in which we live. Every organization, bank, hospital, business, school has at least two hours daily of political indoctrination by a special commissar. Through proclamations, plays, educational groups and songs, the good news is spread through the surrounding villages.

In the provincial capital is the University of the Revolution, attended by several thousand students from every walk of life. Attendance is voluntary. Courses last six months or more. Public notice-boards throughout the city are plastered with graphic, if crude, illustrations depicting world events or salient points of communism. Newspapers are undiluted propaganda. It is a thorough-going program which must evoke admiration for its very all-inclusiveness. It points up how very feeble are the efforts of the Christian Church by comparison. Stand beside this mighty barrage of ''evangelism'', our own attempts to maintain the Christian Faith by one hour a week of indifferent instruction in Sunday School.

The Fiery Trial

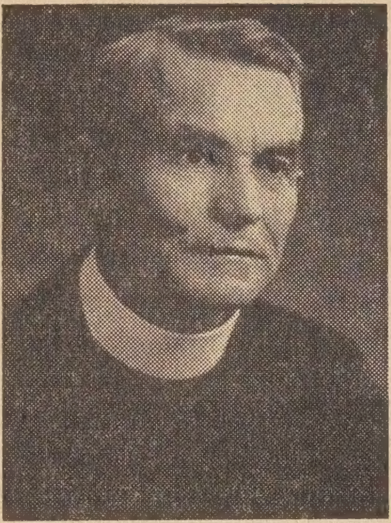
This absolute control over the thoughts and conscience of every person, is to my mind going to be the real test of the Christian Church in China. This, rather than outright persecution, is the ''fiery trial'' facing our Christian brethren. This little minority group,—the only real resistance in the country—will it be able to stand up against this ''saturation bombing'' of communist indoctrination, and still maintain its distinctive Christian witness?

We must pray for them. Strong, disciplined prayers, backed up by a Church with a great sense of a job to be done in the whole world, and compelled by a thorough-going obedience to Christ the Lord.

WHAT DO MISSIONS MEAN TO YOU?

Must We Sound A Retreat?

REVEREND W. A. CAMERON, D.D.



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Dr. W. A. Cameron

MANY good people are somewhat confused these days. Some who are no longer young can recall a time, when the challenge of the Student Volunteer Movement to the youth of the colleges brought forth such a response that Boards were embarrassed. More fine young people were ready to go to other lands to engage in missionary service than could be sent. The Missionary Boards and Societies did not have sufficient funds at their disposal to warrant accepting added responsibility, beyond a very limited figure.

As an answer to the demand of youth, "match our lives with your money", the Laymen's Missionary Movement came into being, and all the churches reaped the fruitage, in the form of increased financial resources for their Missionary commitments.

Then came the First World War and with it the question of survival. Nothing else seemed quite as important. The vision of "the evangelization of the world in this generation" became more and more unreal. Victory Bonds must be purchased, and more recruits were needed for war service. The Church was hard pressed even to hold the line. Its appeal for personnel and money for missionary work must wait the issue of this international conflict.

And never since have we known real stability. An uneasy peace was followed by another World War. The workers on the overseas fields continued to call for reinforcements, while the staffs continued to shrink until in some cases, the total number of missionaries on any field was not more than 50% of those engaged in service in pre-war years. What is the explanation? The thinking of the students concerning Missions had undergone a radical change. Foreign Missions had lost all sense of urgency. In many minds the uniqueness of the Christian religion was being questioned. The cost of carrying on Mission work overseas was increasing year after year. While loyal souls in many congregations sought to respond to the frantic appeals for larger givings, two out of every three of the membership of the

Church continued to do nothing to share in the task of giving the Gospel message to all people.

And now a new day has dawned. That great country to which Morrison was led in 1807, with his boundless faith in what God was able to do for China's millions, has undergone a complete political change. One of the promises of the present Government is that there will be freedom of worship. But it has already been made very clear that this does not mean the Western missionary will be welcomed. Those already there may remain, provided they are in sympathy with the aims and purposes of the present Government. If they leave the country, however, they are not likely to obtain the privilege of re-entry, and against new missionaries, the door is tightly closed.

What of the future? The Christian Church in China faces a severe time of testing. It is to be expected that some will fall away. Our missionaries assure us though that the Church will remain, purified perhaps by suffering, but continuing to witness to the lordship of Christ.

And in this connection one cannot but think of the early Christian Church. Who would have believed it could survive? Against it was arrayed, not only the religion out of which it was born, and which had nothing of good will for its offspring; it was also opposed by the might of the Roman Empire. The little group that made up the Christian Church had neither numbers, nor wealth, nor influence. Yet the Church thrived in the midst of persecution, and finally overcame, because of its faith in God and its devotion to Jesus Christ.

Our missionaries are now all away from the mainland of China. But our fellow-Christians are there, some of whom have come to know Christ through the faithful efforts of our representatives. We cannot go to them, nor stand with them in these difficult days. But we can still assist them with our financial contributions, and enter into fellowship with them through our constant prayers for them.

In our other fields the work continues. In Formosa the hospital goes forward in its ministry of healing, and the Mobile Clinic, staffed by Formosan Christians, continues its journeys of mercy among the Hill tribes, among whom there has been a turning to Christ, which is unique in our whole missionary experience.

In India, there has been expansion in both fields. Decentralization in Jhansi has spread our workers, and enlarged our field of operations. Among the Bhils, a similar policy in the medical field is widening our area of service.

In Japan, missionaries evacuated from Korea are rendering much-needed assistance, while in British Guiana two new church buildings have recently been dedicated, and our catechist staff considerably augmented.

The only door closed against us is the mainland of China. Everywhere else our workers tell us of enlarged opportunity. There are difficulties—Yes. There are disappointments—too true. But when did the Church ever have an easy time in its work anywhere? This is no time for giving place to a spirit of defeatism. God lives, His power is not lessened. We, His servants, are being tested as to our faith. Shall we be counted worthy in this our day, as the missionary pioneers were in theirs?

And as for the results of our missionary effort, we know only in part and we can see but dimly. But we have knowledge for which we can be most grateful. Those who had the privilege of being present at any of the sessions of the World Convention of the World Council of Christian Education, last August in Toronto, had ample evidence of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Among the men and women who were in attendance from every continent, were people of outstanding ability, and of the finest Christian character. From many countries, and of diverse racial origin, they revealed what Christ can do with men and women, whose lives have been made new in Him.

We, in Canada, for whom He has done so much, must not fail Him, As He waits through us to bring His richest blessings to all men everywhere.

An Unexpected Advance

BY L. K. PELTON

AS you have read carefully the estimates for 1951, you will notice, and I hope with a glad heart and thanksgiving, that we have two new geographic names in our overseas division—Korea and Brazil.

Over a year ago talking with leaders of young people and students in Latin America, one of the men remarked "Our problem in Latin America is to witness to the purity of the Gospel in contra-distinction to that which has come from a decadent and corrupt Romanism". His conviction was that the greatest need and the greatest opportunity were with the students because they would be the leaders in the near future and it was desperately important whether or not they were Christian and whether or not the witness made to them was Protestant or Roman.

We believe, therefore, that in including in our Advance a grant of $500 a year, which is to go toward the salary of a Student Secretary in Brazil, we are making a contribution to work of great importance. We hope that before long we shall have news from this work for you and it will appear in *The Glad Tidings.*

Introducing Miss Katherine Sun

Miss K. Sun

ONE year ago a young Chinese lady landed at the port of Vancouver and proceeded eastward to take up studies at the University of Toronto. Miss Katherine Sun had never been in Canada before, she was not well acquainted with the English language, but she won her way into the hearts of all who know her with a sunny smile and a winning personality.

Katherine Sun was born in Nanking, China. Her mother graduated from a Christian Normal School as a kindergarten teacher. Mr. Sun was a graduate in philosophy from Nanking University and in theology from Nanking Theological Seminary. For some years he served China as an educator, being principal and dean of several Christian high schools. During those years, China was undergoing great crises and change, first as a result of the Japanese war, then, more recently, as a result of civil strife. The educational centres of China were forced to move inland to find freedom to carry on their studies. The Sun family moved with the students and the teachers until finally they found themselves in the province of Yunnan, in the city of Kokiu. There Mr. Sun decided to serve his people as a Christian minister and became minister of a church in Kokiu under the Church of Christ in China.

Katherine received her secondary education in the Tien-nan Middle School. This school is familiar to us because of the service of Mr. Andrews there as a teacher. Mathematics and physics were her favourite subjects at high school and like many other people, it was hard to know what career would best suit her interests and capabilities. She thought she might like to be a physicist or chemist because of her interest in science. However, she taught for one year and that year opened a great interest in the teaching profession. She studied in Teachers College, Kunming, and finished a two year course there. Following that she was asked by Mrs. T. K. Chiu to take charge of the kindergarten in the New Village school, Kunming. This she did while Mr. and Mrs. Chiu, took their furlough year in Canada. But there is much to be done in the educational field in China. There is a great need for trained teachers to teach teachers. Our Society, in keeping with the practice of other mission boards on this continent was anxious to give as much and as effective help to a great country in the throes of revolution. To bring to Canada and to train a young teacher was considered just such a help. Katherine Sun was the one chosen to come. In her year here, she has obtained standing in the first year pass arts course at the University of Toronto. She is now enrolled in the deaconess course at Westminster House. In addition, she is studying vocal music and music theory. She hopes to take summer courses in kindergarten primary teaching. All the studies planned for her, will have some place in helping her to serve her land as a Christian teacher.

I hope that before Katherine goes back to China, that you may all have a chance to meet her. Talking with her and realizing that she and you—all of us together are partners in a great mission, one cannot but feel grateful to those who taught the Christian Gospel to the Chinese people for here in Katherine Sun, is the Gospel being brought right back to America. The faith and the courage which she and her people live everyday, their belief in the future of the world can teach us much. The Sun family have learned to put their trust in God and not in man or machines. We can picture Mr. and Mrs. Sun ministering to their people in South China. We are proud with them that their children are able to receive training to fit them for responsible careers. Miss Sun has one sister in a medical course and one studying the science of music. A brother is in an engineering course at University. We can understand why Katherine is so sure of the future of China. ''China may be closed to the foreign missionary to-day, but China will never be closed to the Holy Spirit. It is still abroad and at work in all the land''. When asked about her future, Katherine said: ''I want to obtain as much training as I can in the time I am here and I want to go back as soon as I can to take my place in the work in China.''

Miss M. Bamsey

It was with sincere regret that we learned of the sudden death by accident of Miss Minnie Bamsey of Lamont, Alberta, on December 11th. As manager for two summers of Westminster Camp, Lake Simcoe, Miss Bamsey endeared herself to a host of friends. We extend our deepest sympathy to her sisters and brothers in their very sad bereavement.

F.E.M.

"Partners in Obedience"

BY LAURA K. PELTON

Miss L. K. Pelton

IN the kind of world in which we live today the Church's mission can be achieved only in partnership. To act intelligently and sympathetically toward one another within a partnership each section must know something of the Church as a whole and the Church as a whole must be aware of each section.

It is unfortunate that such a large portion of the churches of North America know so little about the missionary work of the Church abroad. Many of the incorrect statements about missions derive from a lamentable ignorance of how they are carried on and of the way in which the various churches are related to one another within a master framework which makes partnership feasible and practicable. This master framework is called the International Missionary Council. It is made up of Councils which in turn represent certain geographic areas; for example, the National Christian Council of India, composed of representatives of the major Protestant communions in that country, is a unit within the International Missionary Council. The unit within the Council for North America has been the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The Presbyterian Church in Canada was a constituent member of this Conference through the General Board of Missions and the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Each of these bodies appointed its member or members to sit in the Foreign Missions Conference. Whenever we desired information about churches or mission work in parts of the world other than where we work, we sought it from the Executive of the Foreign Missions Conference and if they had not the precise information we sought they in turn would procure it for us from the International Missionary Council. Over fifty Councils and Conferences comprise the International Missionary Council, whose headquarters are in London and New York. This means that it is possible to do missionary work today in fellowship with other Protestant communions and with full knowledge of the total task of the world Church.

In Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of November 27th to December 1st, there was a great gathering of Protestant church people of the United States to constitute the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. This is a new and for them epoch-making adventure in church co-operation. The major Protestant communions of the United States, with one or two exceptions, are co-operating in this Council and with the majority of church agencies such as the Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council, the Missionary Education Movement, etc. The Constitution was so written that it makes provision for the continued membership of the Presbyterian Church within what was the Foreign Missions Conference. It is now called the Division of Foreign Missions within the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. We also had a representative in the Missionary Education Movement, which is now a unit within the Division of Christian Education of the National Council, where we still have representation.

The important thing for us to know is that our representation and participation in this part of the work of Protestant churches on the North American continent is absolutely unchanged. We shall still be related to the International Missionary Council as we have been for years and shall meet with the Foreign Division of the National Council and continue our partnership in obedience in the same way. The same is true of our representation in the Missionary Education Movement. We are not members of the National Council, could not be and do not wish to be.

The President of our Society, Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, and the Overseas Executive Secretary represented our Council Executive at the meeting in Cleveland. They reported it was one of the finest meetings they had ever attended and were convinced that in the future there was a wealth of information within this Foreign Division for us which we could use with advantage in the conduct of our missionary work. They were also convinced that Canadians had a vital contribution to make to this part of the International Missionary Council and that we should do it with ready confidence.

One thing is certain. As we approach the commencement of a new year, looking into a troubled and confused international situation, we shall have to move forward with an invincible faith in the omnipotent God and with genuine humility possible only to the convicted and redeemed Christian. We need to go forward together as partners in obedience to God and with understanding and sympathy toward one another.

This Year in Ratlam

BY BESSIE MACMURCHY, REG.N.

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THIS year in Ratlam there has been an interesting experiment in Nursing Education. There are three hospitals in this Mission which conduct schools of nursing. In some of the other hospitals practical nurses are given training. One of the great problems in the teaching of nurses here is always to find time to do adequate teaching. The national nurses are often not sufficiently well prepared to teach, especially the more complicated subjects. The trend in this area, as well as in others, is to broaden the curriculum. Fifteen years ago the subjects taught in our nursing schools were Nursing, Anatomy and Hygiene. In third year male nurses took Compounding, and female nurses took Obstetrical Nursing. Now the subjects are Nursing, Anatomy, Bacteriology, Hygiene, Ethics, History of Nursing, Pædiatrics, Obstetrical Nursing, Genito-urinary Nursing. Oh yes, and Materia Medica has always been taught. The educational standard for candidates was Sixth Class until about ten years ago. Now it is Eighth Class, and we are getting a few students of higher standing. The problem is how to give proper teaching to these students when there are a limited number of working hours, and with a limited staff. After much thought, it was decided by the Nurses' Board of the U.C.C. Mission to have a central preliminary school this year, carrying it on for two months. Miss McIntyre, a recent arrival in the Mission, was in charge of the preliminary school. She had had experience in Cape Breton as a teacher, and then as a nurse and a nurse instructress. The new project was carried out through July and August.

When I learned of this experiment, I asked that the graduate students have the opportunity of gaining practical experience with the undergraduate group. My request was approved, and our class was given the responsibility for teaching ten hours in each of four subjects —Hygiene and Ethics, Materia Medica, History of Nursing, Bacteriology. That meant each of the graduate students could teach one class in each subject. None of them had ever taught before. Naturally, then, the task of the supervisor of their teaching was no light one. By the end of the course I must confess that I was somewhat weary of sitting in classes where practicing teachers were doing the teaching. I did feel, though, that very much benefit had been derived from their experience.

As well as the foregoing schedule, they conducted review periods, supervised the work of the undergraduates in Anatomy sketches, supervised some of their work on the wards, and supervised—in turn—a recreational programme. Each graduate student averaged about two hours daily in actual teaching or supervision of probationers. The middle of August the graduates began to prepare written examinations in six subjects, and one oral examination. This, too, was absolutely new work for them. It is always interesting to witness the surprise of practice teachers when they find the amount of labour that is involved in preparation of examinations. Needless to say there was a lot of correction. For two weeks we ''talked, ate, and slept'' examinations. When exams were all finished, marking had to be done. There was surprise to find that marking was done by breaking answers down into points. Everyone was eager to see the final list of marks, and there was rejoicing when it was found that all but two had passed. The result had justified the experiment. Before we knew what the results would be one of the male Hindu graduate students asked me if we take into consideration, in marking, the need for nurses in India. I asked him to amplify his meaning so that I could be sure he really meant what I thought he did. My surmise was correct. He thought we should mark in such a way that everyone would be sure to pass. I explained that such was not our policy, but that we mark answers for what they are worth. He wasn't sure that was right, so I explained that we usually give opportunities to those who fail to continue as nurse aides, or to return after a year to try again. His discussion enabled me to see what the thought of many of our potential teachers of nursing is.

One of the students who failed is not promising material for nursing, and we got a few laughs from her answers. One objective type question about making a patient comfortable with pillows brought the answer from her that a pillow on the chest would produce comfort.

The final night of the preliminary course there was a party prior to the departure of 21 of the students—11 to Indore, and 10 to Banswara. It was a nice evening. There was a display of work the probies had done in class, and in hobby groups. The scrap books caused one comment to be made by one of the foreign staff that such a display showed the lack of opportunity many boys and girls of this country have. In Canada Mission Band children make scrap books without difficulty. Here the scrap books that were made by these student nurses were not nearly such finished products as those we see in our Mission Bands at home. Miss Cates said she actually had to teach some of the girls to cut out pictures. Great interest had been taken in the hobby groups. We had twelve in the stamp group, and they each had a nice beginning for an amateur collection. Dr. Anderson showed some of his coloured pictures as part of the evening's entertainment. Tea and Indian cakes finished a nice evening.

The group that went to Banswara had difficulty getting there because of heavy rains that caused buses to be held up. They had to spend three nights along the way. Leaving here Friday at noon, they reached Banswara Sunday evening. Miss Robson wrote that they were a weary-looking group when they arrived.

In this preliminary group we had three students—Martha Ebrahim and Nor Singh as student nurses, and Jaiwant Rup Singh as compounder candidate. The latter two are boys. Martha and Jaiwant are now in Banswara, and seem to be doing well. In the graduate group we have two students, both of whom are making progress—Bhartiya and Nan Singh (married male nurses). This year there are three Hindu male nurses in the graduate class. This also is an experiment, as up to the present only Christian students have been accepted. It is somewhat harder to teach the mixed group, but I feel the non-Christians are having cause to think as they have contact with the Christians. Heretofore they have not been in such close contact with a group of Christians. The Nursing Superintendent of their hospital has been a Christian, but their hospital is Government. I do hope that they will not only receive impressions, but that God may work in their hearts in such a way that they will see the Truth that is in Christ.

If any who read this article would like to help such efforts as the one I have written about, we would be grateful to receive contributions of stamps for the students who want to continue collecting stamps, illustrated papers or magazines that can be used for those who want to make scrap books, or books that might be of use in the library of our graduate course. Old history or geography books with pictures, discarded nursing text books, will be gratefully received. Books of fiction are not so useful. As most of the students understand only some English, illustrated material is what we need. Books and magazines come in duty free, so the only cost would be postage in Canada.

Foreign Missions Conference

BY MRS. ARTHUR W. PAE

The Message of the Conference

"WE are at the end of an era." We find ourselves in a time of crisis which is *judgment*. It is a judgment on the *Church*. Judgment must begin at the house of God. This thought must come home to each of us and from it there can be no escape.

We face an unknown and uncertain future but we must face it as Christians knowing beyond doubt that Christ will be triumphant. As Christians we must renew our *faith*—our *hope* in Him who is Lord and Saviour.

For us this means,—

(a) That in our missionary work we must face the future and assume the responsibility of the future with a *real* humility. We must put into practice what we have been saying. Be willing and ready to enter into a real partnership with national Christians — Indian, Korean, Chinese—whoever they may be—work WITH them and feel them as equals. We shall then be "partners in obedience". . . .

(b) Our missionaries and business people who go into foreign lands must be people who understand this "partnership". Missionaries must be trained to give technical help in industry, trade and in the professions as well as give leadership in evangelism. But they must consider the suggestions of the Nationals and be willing to act on them co-operatively.

(c) We must be careful that we do not miss God's leading us into new paths, into new ways of working. Economic considerations—such as our property, buildings etc. must not limit our design of working.

(d) The basis of our effectiveness in the future lies in our choice and training of missionaries.

There was no sense of anything being with-held by way of information; no hiding of the mistakes which have been made and of the fact that we have so much yet to learn about ourselves and about the world and its need. God has brought us to this time for a definite purpose and if we fail to grasp the significance of the moment the wrath of God must come upon us. It is not too late and the first thing that we must do is humbly to learn His will for us and clothed in His armour fight the "good fight" in our own places.

Staff News

Miss A. Read

AT the meeting which constituted the great new organization: the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, in our Society, was elected to the Executive of the Division of Foreign Missions of that great body.

Miss Athalie Read former Regional Secretary in Alberta, is now in Vancouver. She is in charge of the older groups at the Children's Centre in that city.

The first week of January saw Miss Margaret MacNaughton beginning her field work as Regional Secretary. Her first stop as she started out was at the twin cities of Port Arthur and Fort William. From there she will go to Winnipeg and Brandon and to various places in Manitoba, giving help to W.M.S. auxiliaries, girls' and children's groups and to Sunday Schools.

Miss Agnes Hislop

You will have read of the work Miss Agnes Hislop has done with her van in Alberta. She drove it all Fall in her work in Red Deer Presbytery. Now she leaves the work in Canada to join the ranks of Overseas missionaries. By the time you are reading this item, she will be training for service in India.

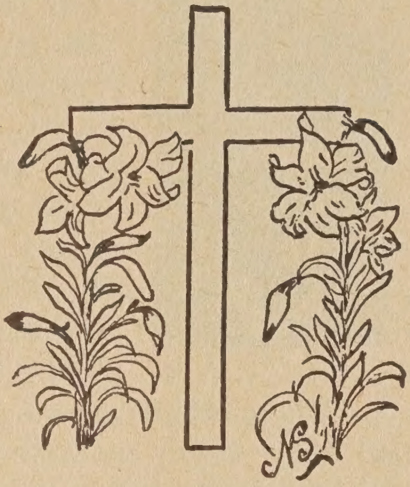
Miss M. MacNaughton, B.A.

EASTER

The Resurrection

BY EFFIE SMITH

Call to Worship



BLESSING, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. (Revelation 7: 12).

O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

Hymn 224—"Look ye saints the sight is glorious."

Prayer — Eternal and ever blessed Father, who didst bring again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ to become the first fruits of them that slept—we would implore Thy blessing as we come before Thee with humble, contrite and grateful hearts, remembering all Thy tender mercy, and loving kindness to us in the days that are past. Help us to hear Thine Easter message aright. May it help us to follow Thee more closely day by day, so that looking to Thee and serving Thee, we may at last see Thee face to face. With the forgiveness of our sins we ask it, in Jesus name, Amen.

Easter is the day upon which we bring our gifts to the feet of Jesus. Our hearts throb with love and gratitude and triumphant joy when we think of the glorious Resurrection story. Yet, we ask ourselves, as we meditate upon what this day means to us individually, why did our Saviour give up His pure and holy life upon the cruel cross? Why did he leave His Father's home in glory to come and live among sinful men—to suffer and to die? We all know the answer—because God so loved the world—

"O 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love,
The love of God to me;
It brought my Saviour from above,
To die on Calvary."

Shall we not give thanks to our Heavenly Father that we can now look beyond all the suffering and the sorrow, the humiliation and the cruel death, to the glorious and triumphant Resurrection, for on this fact all our hope for life and for eternity depend. This hope is expressed in

these words in the first epistle of Peter—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation . . . (I Peter 1: 3, 4, 5).

With this blessed thought in our minds shall we read once more the story of the Resurrection as it is given to us in St. Matthew's gospel the 28th chapter, in which we find our Lord's commission for this missionary work in which we are engaged—St. Matthew 28: 1-10; 16-20.

These words of our blessed Saviour echo down through the years till they reach us to-day. Shall we as a Missionary Society not be faithful to His command? Let us ask Him to grant us fuller inspiration, deeper zeal and a larger vision for His Service with the prayer that He may hasten the day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Church.

Hymn 214—"Christ the Lord is Risen To-day."

Prayer—Lord of our life and God of our salvation hear our prayer we beseech Thee as we come into Thy Holy Presence in the name of Jesus, our Risen and Exalted Lord. Once again the glorious Resurrection story has fallen upon our ears. Grant O most merciful Father that its teachings of hope and victory over sin and death and the grave may ever live in our hearts. We thank Thee for our Saviour's wondrous birth, for His holy childhood, His blameless life, His bitter Passion and His death on the Cross, for His glorious Resurrection from the dead and for His ascension to Thy right hand, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us. O Thou Risen and Exalted Lord, wilt Thou enable us to rise with Thee into newness of life. May this Easter message lift us from weakness and doubt to strength and beauty and holiness, and as Thou hast gained the victory over death and the grave, may we, too, be conquerors in Thee over sin and fear, over bitterness and selfishness and sorrow. Blessed Saviour as we meditate on Thy great sacrifice for us, we implore Thee to forgive our sins and to help us to consecrate ourselves anew to Thy

service. So shalt Thou, O Risen Christ, be our comfort, our salvation and our joy. Now and always. Amen.

Doxology, Hymn 812—

Miss Elsie Mathieson

THE Women's Missionary Society has reason to remember with sincere appreciation Miss Elsie Mathieson who passed away in Toronto on January 7, 1951. From the Spring of 1942 until the Autumn of 1945, when ill health forced her to resign, Miss Mathieson was a member of Council Executive, during which time she was Convener of the Literature Committee and a valued member of the Editorial and various other committees of the Board. To these committees she brought a keen mind stored with accurate knowledge of the work of the Church, a sympathetic heart which appreciated the needs of the peoples of the world, a practical good sense which realized the varying requirements of Auxiliaries large and small, and the ability to express her thoughts briefly and beautifully.

Although relatively few members of the Society across Canada were privileged to know Miss Mathieson personally, yet they did meet her through her contributions to *The Glad Tidings*; through the much-used *Prayers for Auxiliary Meetings,* to the compilation of which she gave countless hours and prayerful thought; through *The Presbyterian Church Calendar* for which during its first three years she chose the daily texts; through study materials, parts of which she prepared during her years as Convener of the Literature Committee, and all of which she read and criticised so carefully and kindly, for to the Literature Secretary she was ever a guide, a counsellor and friend. Her last contribution to the publications of the Literature Department will remain as an outstanding study of the Acts of the Apostles, aptly entitled, *Building His Church.* This course was prepared for young people, whom as a teacher Miss Mathieson had grown to understand and love.

Aside from Miss Mathieson's contribution to committees her very presence at meetings of the Board added something to them for she was truly a Christian gentlewoman. Hers was a gentleness without weakness, a gentleness backed by a courage which was able to stand firm for those things which she felt to be right, and to endure years of physical suffering bravely.

Words, which Miss Mathieson used so well, are inadequate to express a worthy appreciation of her but in the hearts of those who knew her, worked with her, and were influenced by her, there must ever be a sincere thankfulness that such a privilege was theirs. —*Louise A. Reith.*

The World Day of Prayer 1950

MRS. G. LAIDLER, EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY,
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, CHURCH OF ENGLAND

DURING the past few weeks it has been my privilege to read and re-read the many letters that have come to the Women's Inter-Church Council telling of the observance of the World Day of Prayer in our own country and in other parts of the world. Now, as I try to gather together the highlights, I would fain be an artist that I might paint in vivid colours a panoramic frieze, whose characters might then live for you as they do now for me. Words will be but a poor substitute.

Have you ever looked at a map of the world and tried, in imagination, to see the real living world, as our heavenly Father sees it? Every element of nature would be depicted, every geographic and geologic formation, every form of vegetation. Also every type and style of building would be there, from the humble grass or mud hut to the tall sky-scraper and the glorious cathedral. And if we could look on this living picture on the first Friday in Lent we should see thousands of groups of purposeful women, in cities, towns, villages and hamlets, in churches, schools, homes, hospitals, even in jails, and some just sitting on the ground in the open air. In some groups all would be of the same race and colour; in others women of different shades of skin, dressed in different styles of clothes would sit side by side, because, being Christian, they have come together with no thought of race or tongue or creed. For during the twenty-four hours of the World Day of Prayer, women in more than eighty countries across the world pray the same prayers to the same heavenly Father and so are united, at least for a brief period, into one family.

This year again new links were added to the chain. At Yellowknife, N.W.T., seventy-five were present at their first service and "everyone was pleased and grateful to be able to participate in this world-wide service." At Brocket, Alberta, the service, held in the school chapel, was conducted by the Senior Indian girls. Indian visitors from the reserve were much impressed; as were also the boys of the school who asked when there would be a World Day of Prayer for boys. A successful first service was held at Shakespeare, Ontario, in spite of heavy roads and stormy weather; and another at Swastika, Ontario. Last year Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario, reported twenty-three present at their observance and an unusually worshipful atmosphere. This year their attendance doubled and young married women took part in the service.

Perhaps to us in Canada the most interesting gatherings would be those held outside of our own country. As the first Friday in Lent arrives each year, dwellers in the South Pacific are the first to greet the dawn, and it is believed that the opening service of the day takes place in Suva at six-thirty a.m. This year the main language used at this service was Hindi, but prayers were offered also in Telegee and Fijian, and Europeans, Indians and Fijians were among the worshippers. At a later service, in a crowded church, the Fijian language alone was used, while still later a third session was conducted in English though again all the other races were represented. How fitting it is that the World Day of Prayer should begin in a place which so illustrates the great truth that all are one in Christ! In Tokyo, Japan, ''There were about three-hundred-and-fifty women at the service and it was carried through with dignity and sincerity. When it came time for individual prayers so many people wanted to pray that the time was much too short. The feeling that they, the Christian women of Japan are once more meeting in prayer with the women around the world seems to mean much to them for they had known what it was to be separated from the rest of the Christian groups for a long time.'' In Glasgow, Scotland, a dramatized service was carried through by the Girls' Associations of all denominations. ''It was most impressive. Women from Fiji—around to Alaska—walked in singly (during the singing of opening hymns) with hands folded in prayer, to the front of the church. Each spoke briefly of her own land and they carried through the service among them. The girls entered beautifully into the spirit of it all.''

While we give thanks for what has been accomplished we note with some disquiet that the final figures for this year show a decrease in attendance and in the offering, which was $23,767.00, attributed mainly to the weather. It may have been impossible for many to reach a specified place of meeting, but if every woman would supply herself with a programme before the day arrives the prayer chain would suffer no weakening and the privilege of taking part in the projects for which the offering is used would be more generally appreciated and acknowledged in tangible form. Read carefully the paragraph allocations which follows this article, remembering that many of these projects owe their continuance to generous help received from the World Day of Prayer. In a letter of thanks the editor of *Evangelical Truth* says in part "The Central Ukrainian organ in Europe asked us, if possible, to continue to send our paper to the hospitals, schools and homes for the aged under their care." In Kashmir, where there is no other source of Christian literature, last year's gift has helped in setting up a Bible Depot and Reading Room, near to two colleges, a cinema and a Roman Catholic Church. A letter from the I.M.C. contains this message "I do assure you that without Canadian aid the Orphan Missions Fund would suffer great impoverishment with consequent disastrous effects on the missions belonging to Germany, France and Holland which are just holding their heads above the tide of frustration and difficulty. If we can continue to bear them up until they are able to carry their own responsibilities not only will a great deal have been accomplished, but a tragic situation averted."

In view of the urgent need for frequent prayer for the needs of the world, the Women's Inter-Church Council again appeals to each local Day of Prayer Committee to continue to function for the whole year. Local conditions will govern the type of organization in each community, but full co-operation of all Christian congregations will greatly assist in planning for the World Day of Prayer and may result in stimulated interest through such projects as supplying hospitals and shut-ins with programmes, gathering together noon-time groups or arranging for addresses by special speakers. An increase in the number of local Councils would foster a wider knowledge of the work of the whole Church and preclude the possibility of decline in the devotion of women to their Christian duties and privileges. Dr. Laubach once said "It seems to me that one's power of doing is limited only by one's willingness to be God's channel." How great then could be the power of the women of Canada.

Time is carrying us swiftly towards the next World Day of Prayer which will be observed, as usual, on the first Friday in Lent, February 9, 1951. But for some the 1950 programme will not be forgotten while each day the morning light brings to mind the psalmist's words "Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy hill; For the Lord our God is holy." Neither can we evade the oft-repeated statement "The Lord is here. Let us in the stillness of our own heart pray. . . ." "O Lord, may we who call ourselves Christians be held to this high moment of prayer this whole year through."

Letters to the Editor

THE following question was sent to one of the members of the Editorial Committee. Because she felt that you all would be interested in it, she has sent it to us for use in this page.

Question: Why allow a special number of the Magazine (*The Glad Tidings*) at any time, to crowd out correspondence from the Press Secretaries?

Answer: This question refers to the November issue in which the news from the Synodicals was left over one issue in order that as much of the Council reports as possible could be printed.

We felt that the Council business was of prime interest and importance to all Society members. We wanted as much as possible in one issue. When we learned from the printer the cost of adding eight or twelve pages to the magazine, (approximately $250.) we felt that our choice lay between postponing for one month the auxiliary news and leaving out either the Business from Council or the reports of the Organizations Secretaries. (If you look back at the November number, you will see that neither of those items could be broken up and part printed in November and part in December.) After considerable thought, it was decided that we would try the former plan. It was our hope that thus, we were giving the best service to you, the members of the Society. Comments which have come, regarding this move have shown us that for many of our readers, our decision was not a popular one. Such comments and questions are of value to us, for we have some idea of what you like to read in your magazine.

—*M.E.W.*

Dear Miss Whale:

This is a copy of the report of the *Glad Tidings* Secretary given at our auxiliary annual meeting. I thought it might interest you as I found it rather different from the usual *Glad Tidings* report. The job of a *Glad Tidings* Secretary is a big one if it is well done. . . . Our Secretary works hard.

Sincerely,

—(*Mrs. W. E.*) *Gladys Baker*, Montreal.

Report of Glad Tidings 1950

From a statistical point of view, this report is very brief. . . . 78 subscriptions at $1.00; 27 at $0.75; a total of 105. If, however, I were to attempt to express in words the value of this little magazine, it could be very lengthy.

From the few-page leaflet of many years ago, it has grown, not only in thickness but in scope and interest. By letters from the field, by addresses from inspired leaders, by pictures and reports, it challenges our interest. How can we be interested unless we know the work and how can we know unless we read? We, as a people, in missionary, as in national affairs, are too—is it diffident or indifferent, or just lazy?

I have known three types of people in our Society—those who frankly say they are not interested in reading *The Glad Tidings,* The Good News, The Gospel; those who subscribe to the magazine and either leave it in the pew or take it home and consign it to the waste basket. (It is a wasted subscription unless they do read it) and those who really read and remember and rejoice in it. The *Glad Tidings* might be called ''An Epistle to the Canadians'', calling to us as did the Vision of St. Paul of old: ''Come over into China, India, Formosa—and help us''.

Let us not be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

—(signed) *Dorothy R. Coles,*
Glad Tidings Secretary, St. Andrew
and St. Paul.

Notes from Synodical News

ON October 30th the first Fall Executive meeting in the history of the Peace River Presbyterial was held in Grande Prairie. Mrs. R. Davidson, President, conducted the opening devotions. Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, gave much helpful instruction to each department as the reports were read. Mrs. Davidson gave the highlights of the Council Meeting. Mrs. George Dobie, Girls' Organizations Secretary, came all the way from Fort St. John by plane to attend the meetings. The faithful Mr. and Mrs. Rod Macdonald drove 160 miles over icy roads. With such a spirit, this Presbyterial is forging ahead.

Another interesting meeting was held in Grande Prairie when Miss Read was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of the Forbes Auxiliary and the Young Women's Auxiliary. Members were also present from the Flying Shot Auxiliary, as well as 20 members of the Explorer group with their leader, Miss Peggy Hodges.

Mrs. D. G. McQueen

WITH a deep sense of thankfulness for her life, work and example, the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) would pay its tribute to Catherine McQueen, wife of the late Reverend D. G. McQueen, D.D., of Edmonton, Alberta, who passed away on December 29th, 1950.

Mrs. McQueen was one of that great band of pioneer women to whom Canada and the Church must ever be grateful. When Dr. McQueen was called to the pioneer town of Edmonton, with him went Mrs. McQueen a young bride and from then on Edmonton and the McQueens have been synonimous. Strong both physically and mentally, of great courage and of great faith, Mrs. McQueen seemed to possess all the qualities necessary for the work to which she set herself.

Edmonton was just the centre of their work and the minister and his wife were called on to extend their labours far beyond the bounds of their own congregation. As new work opened, Mrs. McQueen played her part in organizing the women's work. Her home was a centre where all were free to come and come they did. Who has not been entertained in the Manse of First Church?

Missions was a burning part of Mrs. McQueen's life and as one might expect Home Missions. First she took her place in the W.F.M.S. and then as the vision and the need came to her of what might be done in Canada, she was active in the formation of the W.H.M.S.

Mrs. McQueen served in many offices in the Society, Auxiliary, Presbyterial, Provincial and then Synodical. Those who worked with her, know best her work and her never failing zeal.

When in 1925 many left the Church and the ranks of our women in Alberta were sorely depleted, her courage never wavered and what we owe to Mrs. McQueen at that time, will never be known. What a tower of strength she was! The mere name of McQueen spelled magic.

Mrs. McQueen's life was not without sorrow. The second son, Alex, lost his life in the First Great War, a great grief. But there was work to be done and Mrs. McQueen hid her own sorrow in work. Who will forget the prayer she offered at the Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society shortly after her trouble? Then later her youngest son, Robert, who was an airman in the First War, was killed in a plane crash.

The work that Dr. and Mrs. McQueen were called to do extended to the Indians and every Indian round about found his way to the Manse. Many a pot of soup found its way to the reserves and many a visit was paid and many a comforting word spoken.

Mrs. McQueen lived a long, busy and useful life but no one ever heard her say she had done much. It was her duty and her pleasure.

To the family of Mrs. McQueen the sympathy of the Women's Missionary Society is extended. To them will come the comfort not only of a loving mother but of memories of a splendid, unselfish life used in the service of others. —(*Mrs. Daniel*) *Helen M. Strachan.*

Extract of Minute of Annual Meeting of the Jhansi Mission Council October 1950

THE Council of the Jhansi Mission Field, India, at their Annual Meeting, October 17th, 1950, desire to send their cordial Christian greetings to The Presbyterian Church in Canada through the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. It was unanimously agreed that the following resolution be transmitted to the ministers and members of the Church at home, ever mindful of their prayerful support and interest in this corner of the Lord's vineyard.

WHEREAS The Presbyterian Church in Canada is this year celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary as a witness to the blessing and goodness of God in its preservation and its perseverance to proclaim the whole counsel of God, both at home and abroad.

WHEREAS The Presbyterian Church in Canada has called upon all its ministers, elders and members to re-dedicate themselves in all humility to the only Head of the Church, even our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to consecrate themselves afresh in that Holy Calling and Fellowship to the glorious task which was committed to the Church of being witnesses for Christ unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

WHEREAS The future blessing and fruitfulness of The Presbyterian Church in Canada depends upon our obedience to the commands of God as given in His Holy inspired and infallible Word that ''if my people, which are called by my Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land.''

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we join individually and collectively in this prayer of confession and consecration with The Presbyterian Church in Canada on its seventy-fifth anniversary and signify our joy and privilege in being an Ambassador for Jesus Christ under the auspices of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Be it further resolved that we re-affirm our confidence in the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., and earnest desire by the empowering work of the Holy Spirit and through the prevailing prayers of God's people to ''make known the way of the Lord upon the earth, and His saving health among all nations''.

—*Beatrice Scott,* Secretary.

An Essay Competition of Interest to Church Women

IN 1954 the British and Foreign Bible Society will celebrate one hundred and fifty years of world-wide work in translating, producing and distributing the Scriptures. Primarily the work of the Society has been a missionary task, making the Scriptures available to tribes and nations beyond the seas, to men and women in our isolated areas, to Indians and Eskimos, to newly arrived immigrants—to all who could not have bought a Bible if they had had to pay the full cost price. Funds for this great work have always depended on the eagerness of men and women to be sure that the Bible is available to all. That eagerness in its turn, has been dependent upon the conviction that the Bible is one of the greatest treasures. A generation of Canadians who do not value the Bible for themselves will pay little heed to a call to make the Scriptures available to all men, in the language they speak, at a price they can afford to pay. The deepening sense of world-wide Christian unity, which is one of the few hopeful and constructive aspects of the present international situation, will not long endure if Christians forget that their common reliance upon the Bible as the Word of God is basic to that unity.

Aware of these and other similar facts the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada joins with the parent Society in England to make a recall to the Bible a main emphasis of the years leading up to the Jubilee. It will do all it can to make more friends for the Bible and the Bible Society—friends who love the Scriptures and who stand behind the work of the Society because of their deep conviction that the Bible is important. If the work is to go on it is necessary that many of these friends should be young people. To help create interest among boys and girls the British and Foreign Bible Society is sponsoring an essay competition among students in Canadian secondary schools and Sunday Schools, (15 to 17 years of age). Participants are asked to write an essay of from 1,500 to 2,000 words in length on either ''Why a Knowledge of the Bible is a Necessary Part of a Sound Education'' or ''What the Bible has Done for Human Progress''. The competition has been organized on a provincial basis. Three prizes will be awarded in every province—the first $50.00, the second $25.00, the third $15.00. There will also be a Dominion prize of $100.00 awarded to the writer of the best essay among the provincial prize-winners. Announcement posters have been sent to secondary school principals and to the ministers of the various denominations. Further information about the competition, which closes March 31st, 1951, can be secured from the District Secretaries of the Bible Society. You can help the Bible Society make the recall to the Bible effective if you encourage the young people you know to take part in the essay competition.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

CHILDREN'S leaders who are seeking a book of songs will welcome the attractive book with the equally attractive title, THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING, Songs of praise and work and joy from many lands. This is indeed a book which gives one joy to look at with its beautiful cover and suitable illustrations throughout, a book which we are sure will bring joy both to leaders and children who use it.

THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING is compiled by Edith Lovell Thomas who has had experience in compiling songbooks for children. In the foreword she says, "For a long time I have wanted to harvest a sheaf of songs from fields near and far and bind them together between the covers of one beautiful book." This dream is now a reality for now we have a book of children's songs "Chosen to touch off sparks of wonder, friendliness, laughter and appreciation, as they kindle love of the Unseen."

It is well in these days of misunderstanding and disunity to have such a book of songs from many lands. Its compiler believes that if such a book can be widely distributed that "the understanding and unity so wistfully desired at present can be strengthened through singing together the most vivid songs conceived by a great variety of peoples." There are seven sections in this book of songs harvested from many lands, sections bearing the titles, "Wake up and Sing", "Singing at Work and Play", "Friends in Many Places", "In our Homes", "Watch and Wonder", "Days of Joy", and "Together in Worship". The songs have with them explanatory notes and suggestions for use in groups.

THE WHOLE WORLD SINGING could prove a very important part of the life of any children's mission study group if used effectively for as it says within its pages, "Since music is the language that belongs to everybody we find new friends through singing together. Thus we can enlarge our fellowship to include all nations, races and religions."

Truly, "All are comrades, friends and brothers
In the fellowship of song."

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AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

Dear Auxiliary Members,

IN the January issue of *The Glad Tidings* we all read with interest I am sure, the estimates for the Society's work for 1951 presented by the Treasurer, Mrs. Pye.

We need to study these estimates to become familiar with them and know why $200,000 is required for 1951.

By the time you are reading this each Auxiliary will have received its allocation for 1951.

What is an allocation?

What is our attitude toward it?

An allocation is our proportionate share of the money needed to support the work that the Women's Missionary Society undertakes and for which we as members are responsible.

But are we making a mistake when we regard an allocation as merely a sum of money to be reached? It is more than that. It means a share in the work. Let us think of it in this way. Each Auxiliary and each member is helping in sending a new missionary to India—in operating the first medical unit in the Bhil Field—in supporting those Biblewomen working among the Koreans in Japan—in sending the tragically needed Christian literature to many places—in operating two or three vans in Western Canada—in placing an extra deaconess in new places—in welcoming new families who come to our shores; and so we might go on listing many more. There are so many things to do.

Then when we look at the money allocation for supplies. It is not just 25 cents or 50 cents or one dollar in money, it is rather "This is my share to help buy shoes for 250 Indian children and to help buy clothes and material for their dresses and pyjamas and a little extra, to help one of the Indian girls who goes to High School to look as nice as the other girls. Then I would like to help to provide supplies for the kindergartens and nursery schools and give something for the Vacation Schools and camps. I might include too, another portable organ."

If we think of our givings as changed into these things which the money can buy, our allocation will no longer be just a sum of money to be reached.

In the long ago Mary turned her gold into a box of spikenard and anointed the feet of her Lord. Hers was an expression of a *great love.* So may our love for Him find expression in our giving.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Secretary

TODAY, the whole world is drawn close through radio and television. Yet families don't work together as closely; and individuality has been stressed more than community. For these reasons we need groups more than our mothers did. *The effectiveness of any group fellowship will depend very largely upon its Christian emphasis.*

But merely using the worship services provided in our study packet (fine as they are) will *not* ensure a worship experience. They must be supplemented and enriched by the thinking and experience of the members themselves. There must be—

— thorough and prayerful preparation on the part of those leading; this will encourage a feeling of expectancy in the minds of the worshippers;

— a willingness to adapt the program to the particular needs of the individuals and to the group itself.

— Complete familiarity by the leader with the Scripture passage. This will necessitate repeated reading aloud beforehand. A brief word to explain its background is helpful in capturing interest.

— Variety in the form of presentation. It may be used at the end of the meeting to climax the thought and study of the meeting. A worship service never ends with the benediction; it must go on to stimulate members to follow conviction with action. (Litanies, directed meditation, periods of silent prayer help to promote group participation.)

The opening moments are of great importance. Thus, the setting does much to establish the "mood" of the meeting. Furniture simply arranged,—an open Bible on a table with a lighted candle beside it,—the distribution of the hymn books ahead of time,—an inexpensive religious picture, *i.e.*, "Christ In Gethsemane" (Hoffman),—a bowl of garden flowers in season,—these are simple and dignified aids to worship.

For groups meeting in the home, a prelude of quiet piano music; a phonograph recording where available; or, the use of a poem clipped from the newspaper, or magazine, and shared with the group,—these are valuable in establishing a mood for worship.

A worship service can be an oasis in a desert; it can be the level, shady, resting place in an uphill climb. Worship draws us together by focusing our attention upon God,—upon our dependence on Him for "every good and perfect gift",—our "oneness" in Him. Our view of other people changes as we check our faults before God.

In our group life, let us try to build our worship programs in such a way that people will find in them a strength and security which they need to remain steadfast in a turbulent, restless world.

—*Grace Irvine.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

ALTHOUGH we are using the "Girls' Page" to send this message, we are really hoping to reach people who are interested in girls and yet in whose Church there is at present no girls' group.

You would not be reading this page, were you not interested and concerned about the welfare and Christian education of teen-age girls and so we are appealing to you to use your influence in your Church to form a group which will keep our girls united in a bond of Christian fellowship and which will help them to come to a realization of their responsibility to the local Church and the Church at large.

(We are not suggesting that you assume the responsibility of starting a group, but we *do* ask you to talk over the possibilities of forming a group with (1) your minister and Session; (2) the superintendent of the Sunday School, and (3) the president of the W.M.S. auxiliary).

Having agreed as to the forming of a group, the question arises as to the programme. The Presbyterian Church sponsors four programmes for teen-age girls, Girls' Guilds, Girls' Auxiliaries, Girl Guides and Canadian Girls in Training. We shall describe briefly the type of work done by these groups.

First of all, Girls' Guilds—This was originated in the Church of Scotland and the interest of its programme is centred in the local Church. Projects are planned to enable the girls to do definite pieces of work within the Church—making articles for use in the Primary department, and any handiwork which could be used within the local Church. Sometimes projects take the form of raising money for the Church.

In some cases Girls' Guilds become affiliated with the W.M.S., by doing a definite piece of mission work, by money contribution and by studying the work done by our Society.

The second suggested programme is that of Girls' Auxiliaries which are, as the name implies similar to that of the other auxiliaries within the Society. These groups devote their time and money to the furtherance of Mission work. Articles are made for bales, our work is studied and all offerings are sent to the Presbyterial treasurer of W.M.S.

The programme of Girl Guides we shall not attempt to describe, because of the wideness of scope. When it is desired that a group of this kind be formed, it would be well to secure the information from Guide headquarters. While the approval of our Church is given to the programme, it is not widely used by our people. At present we have three groups within the Western Division.

By far the greatest number of our groups are Canadian Girls in Training. In fact, 82% of our groups adopt this programme, which too provides plenty of variety.

Girls are encouraged to be interested in the local Church, the Community and the wider work of the Church, and projects are planned to this end. The members may engage in work similar to that of our Girls' Guilds but in addition, gifts may be made for use in the Children's wards of the local hospital or some other Community project. It is desired too that these groups become affiliated with the W.M.S. which as we have already stated is done by taking the Mission Study, working and praying for our Missionaries and by making a definite contribution to Missions.

While this programme is inter-denominational in so far as much of the programme material is done co-operatively by several denominations—Presbyterian people serve on all committees and material must be approved by our Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Bricker and by Reverend J. S. Clarke, Secretary of the Board of S.S., Y.P.S. for the Presbyterian Church, before it can be circulated.

This programme is not all study however and at each meeting there is time for worship, for some project, for games and for singing, thus filling the needs of the normal healthy girl.

Which of these four programmes will "fit in" best in your congregation? We hope you will consider them carefully and then get right to work and help to form a girls' group within your Church.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

Pointers on Story Telling to Children

STORIES for children are many times more effective if told rather than read. Story telling is an art in which, anyone not handicapped by defects of speech, can attain a considerable degree of success—so say the authorities. The story is the most powerful and effective means of implanting a message in the mind and heart of a child so let us examine the best methods of doing so.

The story teller must first know the story. She must read it again and again and live with it until each scene is clear and vivid in every detail. She should share the problems, emotions and actions of the characters until they become living and real so that the children will feel happy, sad, tense, indignant or frightened with the people depicted as the tale unfolds. It is an advantage to practice telling the story to her family or any obliging audience until she is thoroughly at home with it. She should learn as much as possible about the background of the story—such as customs, scenery, costumes, so as to be able to weave them incidentally into the story to make it more convincing.

There are four parts to a story—the introduction, the body of the narrative, the climax and the conclusion. The introduction brings the characters on stage, indicates that there is a problem to be faced, and gets them into action as quickly as possible, thus creating attention immediately. The Bible stories are perfect examples as in Genesis 12: 1 we read, ''Now God said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house into a land that I will shew thee.'' Who wouldn't want to know what happens to Abram next! If the introduction is interesting and carefully planned, the rest will follow easily.

Now the action continues into the body of the story with a clearly defined plot, with each event following the other to a logical conclusion. Each incident should be necessary to the unwinding of the thread of the story, if not, it should be eliminated. Streamlined stories are most effective. The interest should steadily and gradually increase until the climax is reached. Descriptions and background should be painted in deftly and briefly with phrases and adjectives here and there always keeping the action in the forefront. For instance, instead of saying ''Jimmy went up the hill with his dog'', one might say ''Then out through the squeaky gate went Jimmy, the dog racing back and forth ahead of him, down the long lane, across the chattering brook and up, up the hill where the ferns grew in the shade and the long grass tickled his bare legs''.

The climax comes when the struggles and trials of the hero have reached their highest point and been solved, preferably with an element of surprise, also when the purpose has been achieved for which the story has been told. Each item has been related with the climax in view. Sometimes the conclusion comes in the same sentence as the climax.

After the climax comes the conclusion in which characters are ushered off the stage without delay, naturally, but not too abruptly. The good story teller never points out the moral of the story. It should be unconsciously absorbed.

There are several ways in which the narrator can contribute to the effectiveness of her story-telling. Her voice should be low, but every word distinct and natural always. She should look into the eyes of her audience, not out the window or at the wall or the floor. She can change the speed according to the action and she can use a dramatic pause to build up suspense. The story and the vocabulary used in telling it should be suitable for the age of the audience. Pictures can help to make the story real.

A few pitfalls can be avoided. The story should never be interrupted to say, ''O, I forgot to tell you''. The omission should either be woven in naturally as soon as possible or left out. Exaggerated gestures or mannerisms, such as playing with jewellery, transfer the attention of the children from the story to the teller. The word ''and'' is a great temptation. Words such as ''while'', ''also'', ''but'', ''hence'', ''thus'' can be used as variates. It is a mistake ever to memorize a story. It will lose its spontaneity and naturalness because the teller's mind is focused on words instead of characters and action. Self consciousness is, of course, the great curse of the story teller. Why have the mind on one's self rather than the story. Proper preparation is the biggest help.

May a rapt audience be the reward of each leader as a successful teller of tales.

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VICTORIA Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, was hostess to the regional secretary, Miss Grace Mackay, and the ladies of Victoria Presbyterial Executive. The devotional service was led by Miss Mackay. Mrs. W. H. Dempsey, president of the Presbyterial, and Mrs. H. Warren, who were delegates to the Council Meeting in Guelph, gave a very interesting report on the year's work showing the wonderful progress in all departments of the work. Plans were made for the Senior Auxiliary to hold a Christmas party for the Mission Band and the Explorers. Reverend J. McTurk pronounced the benediction.

Westminster Presbyterial — St. Aidan's Auxiliary, **New Westminster**, had as guest speaker at their Thank-offering meeting, Miss Janet McLean-Bell, who gave a very interesting and informative talk on ''Child Guidance''. She also showed a film on the various phases of her work.

St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Auxiliary, New Westminster, held their Thank-offering meeting recently at which Mrs. J. Scott was honoured. The Reverend E. L. Garvin, guest speaker, spoke on ''Tuning your Thanksgiving Harp,'' reminding the members that the strings which need tuning are meditation, gratitude and praise.

Bradner Associate Society had as guests at their annual meeting Mrs. M. Clifford, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. R. Bryce. Mrs. Clifford spoke on Luke 19: 25 stressing the point that we should use our gifts and talents that God has given us to the best of our ability, whether they be great or small, numerous or few, for the advancement of His Kingdom. Mrs. Bryce selected her very fitting message from Philemon, ''Love thy neighbour as thyself''.

Prince Rupert Auxiliary had at the beginning of the year, as guest speaker, Reverend M. Mark, who spoke on ''Missions of The Presbyterian Church''. A successful tea was held in the Spring. At the May meeting the C.G.I.T. combined with the Senior Auxiliary to honour Mrs. H. Calderwood, Auxiliary President and C.G.I.T. leader. Dr. E. A. Wright, the new minister, was guest speaker at this meeting. Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, visited Prince Rupert in October and spoke to the group on her work. The Explorers won the banner for British Columbia for its excellent work and good attendance.

The Chinese Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** held a most successful annual meeting recently to which were invited members from the different congregations of Westminster Presbytery. After the usual business, the elections of officers took place after which the Reverend Y. N. Kwan conducted the Installation Service. The retiring President, Mrs. J. Con, was honoured by Mrs. D. A. Smith, who spoke of Mrs. Con's valuable service to the Auxiliary and commented on the capable manner in which she carried on the work. Miss Elsie Potter, a member of the Sunday School staff, and Counsellor for the Young Women's Auxiliary, was honoured by them. An interesting technicolor film ''Hope for China'' was shown presenting a missionary challenge showing the need for the advancement of God's Kingdom. The Reverend H. A. Berlis closed the meeting with prayer.

Two outstanding events have taken place recently in connection with the Auxiliary of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver. A talent luncheon was held in the Church Hall, by the Life Membership Committee, at which talent money made during the year was received. The President, Mrs. Earl Fox, was honoured by the members of the executive, in token of their appreciation of her leadership for the past three years.

The Auxiliary members were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Allman at her home for the annual meeting. The special feature of the meeting was the presentation of an Honorary Membership by the members and friends of the auxiliary to Mrs. Peter McArthur, Synodical Literature Secretary, and an active member of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary for twenty-three years. Mrs. D. A. Smith and the Reverend F. G. St. Denis paid warm tribute to Mrs. McArthur for her long years of faithful service, both in the missionary work of the local church and in the Synodical. The accompanying pin and bar is the gift of Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, a former Provincial President, and a member of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary.

Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, held its 25th anniversary on November 23rd when Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, an honorary member of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Victoria, gave a short address on ''Women of the Bible'' and ''Women To-Day''. Mrs. Whitecross, formerly of Kamloops, and Mrs. D. Anderson were honoured. The Reverend E. L. Garvin closed the meeting with prayer.

ALBERTA

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PEACE River Presbyterial—The story of the first Fall Executive in Peace River Presbyterial is told elsewhere under the heading ''Notes from Synodical News''.

Red River Presbyterial — The Fall Executive meeting of the Red Deer Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, Red Deer. Many of the reports showed that there is need of more trained leaders. The problem of the shortage was discussed and ways were suggested for overcoming it. Mrs. Smith of Lousanna gave a very fine report of the Pre-Assembly Congress which she attended in June. Miss Athalie Read brought word of the spiritual strength and refreshment of the Council meetings held in Guelph.

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial — **Fort William** — The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, held a Christmas meeting in the church hall. Mrs. W. S. Nairn presided. Devotions were conducted by Rev. A. H. Johnston. Rev. G. A. Bastedo, minister of First Church, Westfort was the guest speaker. Mrs. C. LeCocq spoke briefly, telling of some of the achievements of other synodicals.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — Winnipeg — On November 29, a meeting of the Home Helpers of First Church was held with the auxiliary members who had, during the year, opened their homes to such meetings and assisted generally, in the work of the Home Helpers department. There were fourteen members present including Mrs. Ross, the auxiliary president and Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary. Mrs. Davidson spoke briefly on Home Helper work, Mrs. Campbell, who with Mrs. Gemmel, has carried on the work of this department, also spoke. Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick a faithful supporter of the Home Helper work was honoured by the Auxiliary.

The annual meeting of the auxiliary of St. James Church was held in November. Reports gave the picture of a splendid year's work. Our allocation was exceeded. Mrs. G. W. Bradley our much loved Presbyterial President was honoured by the auxiliary. Rev. D. C. Hill installed the officers for 1951. Miss Ann Bain, Presbytery Deaconess was a guest at the meeting.

The Explorers of St. James Church held a white gift service in December, to which parents and friends were invited. The gifts were sent to Miss Hilda Blackwell in Montreal for use in her work at the ports. The Explorers presented a number entitled Christmas in Many Lands.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—At the beginning of December the Lily Robertson Mission Band of Knox Church, **Walkerton,** celebrated its 55th anniversary. An interesting programme consisting of hymns and choruses, under the leadership of Mrs. W. A. Henderson, was given by the children. This was followed by a play based on the study book for the past year. The Sunday School room was appropriately decorated with lanterns and coloured drawings of carp, the fish held in honour by the Japanese boys at the time of their festivals. These decorations had been made by the Mission Band children. A short sketch of the Mission Band was given by Mrs. James Harkley, the Auxiliary Historian. She noted with interest that a great grandson of the founder, after whom the Band was named, is at present a member. Mrs. S. Jackson, Mission Band leader and her assistant, Mrs. S. Geddes, deserve credit for the very interesting programme.

Chatham Presbyterial—Mrs. D. McLaren, president, opened the Thank-offering meeting of the **Duart** Auxiliary held in the church with 35 ladies present. Mrs. Barlow, Chatham, as guest speaker, told of her trip to Haiti in the West Indies, where she visited her two sisters who are missionaries there. ''The natives are very poor; it is only when they become Christians that they try to raise their standard of living'', she said.

The Reverend William Lawson, minister of Knox Church, **Leamington,** addressed the Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting. He spoke with appreciation of the quick response of the Society by which a school for the training of young people as leaders in our Church work has been established at Medicine Hat. It was inspiring to hear of the valuable work carried on by Miss Hislop and Miss McLeod in the Rocky Mountain House area.

At the fall Thank-offering meeting of Knox Senior Auxiliary, **Wallaceburg,** Mrs. J. F. Fletcher, Chatham, gave an interesting address on ''Why the Women's Missionary Society?''

''With Whom Have Ye To Do?'' from the Council address by Professor David Hay, as printed in the November *Glad Tidings,* was used by Mrs. W. J. Metcalfe in opening the November meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor. A letter was read telling of the evacuation of Korea, which impressed the members. A quilt made by the ladies of this auxiliary was given to a Chinese family in the city. A phase of the meeting which proved most helpful was the reading by Mrs. St. Clare Campbell of the Constitution and By-Laws of our Women's Missionary Society. This clarified the situation for the new officers installed at this meeting.

Hamilton Presbyterial—The 70th anniversary of the Dundas Auxiliary was held in the church on November 21. The devotional service led by the minister, Reverend W. B. Mitchell, was based on the Scripture passage used at the first meeting in 1880. The president, Mrs. James Murray, presided and also conducted a memorial service. Beautiful flowers on the Communion Table in memory of Mrs. R. Dunning and on the platform in memory of Mrs. Stewart were presented by their respective families.

Mrs. D. Munro, Synodical President, and Miss A. J. Ritchie, Presbyterial President, brought greetings. A very interesting historical sketch was given by Mrs. R. Boyd. The address by Mrs. J. G. Inkster of Toronto, contrasted ''Then and Now''. Four members were honoured at this unique event. The birthday cake served after the close of the meeting was presented by the seven daughters of Mrs. Ida Leyden in her memory and was cut by Mrs. D. Barker.

At the November meeting of the Myosia Young Women's Auxiliary, Knox Church, St. Catharines. Mrs. W. A. Bayes, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Grace Irvine. Miss Irvine's talk offered a challenge to our young women in the Women's Missionary Society which will inspire them in their programme planning in the New Year.

London Presbyterial — The Presbyterial is holding its annual meeting in Hamilton Road Church on January 24th. Mrs. J. R. Waldie, president, will preside while an address by Miss Ruby Walker is on the agenda. The Reverend Dean Johnston is expected to speak on our National work. A panel discussion led by Mrs. P. DeRuiter and Mrs. J. A. Elliott on ''The Constitution—duties of officers and Worship'' is expected to be of general benefit. The Reverend Locke, the minister will have charge of the evening worship service.

Maitland Presbyterial—At each of the Fall sectional meetings held at Molesworth, Ripley and Langside, Mrs. Alan MacAuley, Ripley, the Presbyterial President, spoke on the Pre-Assembly Congress which she had attended in Montreal and Mrs. Robert Mowbray gave the report of the Synodical Executive meeting held in London.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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KINGSTON Presbyterial—The Thankoffering meeting of the St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, the Catherine Fairlie Evening Auxiliary and the Evening Auxiliary, was held in St. Andrew's Hall. The guest speaker was Mr. W. Kim, a Korean student studying at Knox College. The theme of this earnest young missionary was ''The privilege of working for Jesus''. ''This means,'' Mr. Kim said, ''to say yes, when Jesus calls you to work for Him. We must read the Bible several times a day and pray ceaselessly.''

The Mission Band of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Madoc, held a very successful tea with Mrs. A. Van Kleek, President of the Senior Auxiliary and Mrs. J. McCaffery and Mrs. Fred Curry, charter members of the Band, presiding at the tea table. The girls of the Band served while the boys sold Church calendars.

North Bay Presbyterial—The second Chinese women's organization to be formed in Ontario was started recently at Knox Presbyterian Church, Sudbury. Few can speak English but all are eager to learn the Canadian way of life and most of the members have come to Canada within the past year. The affiliation meeting with the regular auxiliary took place in December when the officers were installed. Mrs. Harry Young, a recent Chinese bride who came to Sudbury from Vancouver, was elected president. Miss Betty Lee, secretary and Mrs. Chun Lee, treasurer. At the first meeting they read from Bibles with half page Chinese and half page English.

Saugeen Presbyterial—The fall rally of Saugeen Presbyterial was held in Holstein and was well attended. Departmental reports were heard and the auxiliaries were urged to exceed their allocations and thus help to make up for those less fortunate provinces that had suffered from flood and frost damage during the year. Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Stouffville, president of Toronto and Kingston Synodical was the guest speaker and stirred her audience with an address on "The Power of the Spirit" urging every member to be in a place of service and God will give the strength to serve.

Toronto East Presbyterial—A meeting of special interest was held by Emmanuel senior auxiliary, **Toronto,** when an "In Memoriam" certificate was given by the auxiliary in loving memory of Mrs. Donald Cameron who passed away June 13th, 1950. Mrs. Cameron was president of the auxiliary for many years, and also served as Deputation secretary in Toronto Presbyterial.

A Christmas candle lighting ceremony also took place depicting Joy, Life, Light and Peace. Four members read descriptive verses. After each reading the president lighted a candle.

Calvin auxiliary celebrated its silver anniversary at the Annual meeting in December. Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, a charter member gave a resume of the work of the auxiliary since it was organized in 1925. During those years there had been eight presidents and there were fifteen charter members at this service. The auxiliary has contributed over sixty thousand dollars to the missionary society. Tribute was paid to the memory of those members who had passed to higher service. At the close of the meeting, there was a reception and tea. The candles on the birthday cake were lit by charter members and the first president of the Young Women's Auxiliary and the C.G.I.T. leader of 1925.

The auxiliary at Melville Church, **West Hill,** has lost one of its most valued members in the passing of Mrs. Alex. Manson. For many years, she served as Secretary and later as President of the Auxiliary. Her friendship was true and her Christianity of unwavering faith, an inspiration.

Toronto West Presbyterial — The Sloan auxiliary of Parkdale Church, **Toronto,** celebrated their 45th anniversary recently. The first president of the auxiliary, Miss Mina Nicol, recalled many incidents of the early days, and Miss Mary Sabiston gave an interesting paper on the history of the Missionary Societies of The Presbyterian Church in

Canada, tracing the history of the Sloan auxiliary from its inception in 1905. Greetings were brought from other organizations of the church, from the Presbyterial and from Mrs. Hess Campbell, grand-daughter of Mrs. W. Sloan for whom the society was named.

Reverend G. Howard King, secretary of the Mission to Lepers for Canada, was guest speaker at the annual luncheon meeting of the Dovercourt auxiliary. Reverend Mr. King told of the new hope, medically, for leprosy victims, and by films showed results of the Bible teaching and medical treatment in a leper mission in Africa. Mr. Sen Cheh Tan spoke on conditions in Formosa.

Changes for the Annual Report

Lindsay Presbyterial—Under Auxiliaries, Bobcaygeon, money sent to the General Fund should be **$205.00** instead of $102.15.

Under Mission Bands, Beaverton, the money sent to the General Fund should be **$52.00** instead of $32.00.

Calgary Presbyterial, **Children's Secretary** now Mrs. A. W. Dunsmore, 217-11th Avenue N.E., Calgary.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kootenay Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Creston, Leader, Miss Agnes Speers.

Westminster Presbyterial—Girls' Explorer Group, New Westminster. Leader, Miss Shirley Day, 1436 - 6th St.

Boys' Explorer Group, Children's Centre, Vancouver. Leader, Miss Winnifred Ripley, 1123 Burnaby St.

Saskatchewan

Regina Presbyterial—Affiliated Group, Yorkton. Pres., Mrs. H. C. Edworthy, 258-2nd Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. M. S. McLean, 156 Tupper Ave.

Hamilton and London

Huron Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Goderich. Leader, Mrs. G. McMillan. C.G.I.T., Exeter. Leader, Mrs. Donald Sinclair.

Paris Presbyterial—Junior Auxiliary, Tillsonburg. Leader, Mrs. Harley R. Atwood.

Toronto and Kingston

Guelph Presbyterial—Isabel Scott Young Women's Auxiliary, Central Church, Galt. Pres., Mrs. Wm. Payne, 28 Lowrey Ave. W., Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Arnold, 43 Todd St.

North Bay Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., North Bay. Leader, Miss Peggy O'Neill.

Temiskaming Presbyterial—Cochrane, C.G.I.T. Leader, Mrs. C. Bailey.

Girls' Auxiliary, Kirkland Lake. Pres., Miss Ruth Pearson; Sec., Miss Shirley Jackson; Treas., Miss Shirley Rushwirth.

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Easter

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Moderator of the General Assembly

THE Easter festival celebrates what is the crown and completion of the Christian Gospel. Year by year, as the Easter season returns, we are called to remember with thanksgiving and rejoicing that in Jesus Christ death has been abolished and that life and immortality have been brought to light. The truth about man's destiny, which devout souls in all ages had sought after, is here revealed in all its fullness. In the risen and exalted Christ it shines forth for all men to see. Here we are in contact with truth which is ultimate and eternal, behind and beyond which there is nothing else, and which assures us definitely both as to what we now are and what we shall be. The fullness of Christ is absolute and complete. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, seeing whom we see and know the eternal God, and are made possessors of eternal life.

Who can estimate or give adequate expression to the full, rich meaning of this Easter faith? It is a faith to banish all doubt and fear, and to make every believer, irrespective of the circumstances and conditions in which his life may be lived, more than conqueror in all things. In the glorious light of Easter all darkness disappears, and we know that whatever may befall us, whatever burdens of care or sorrow may be laid upon our shoulders, we may rest in the assurance of the boundless love and mercy of God — that He who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, with everlasting victory, will give to us the victory too, and that all things must indeed work together for good to those who love Him. It is the faith expressed in Whittier's well-loved hymn:

> "I know not what the future hath
> Of marvel or surprise:
> Assured alone that life and death
> His mercy underlies."

In this same faith we celebrate once more the Easter festival. Death itself has been abolished. It is swallowed up in eternal victory. We are in possession of this unspeakable gift of God, which is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. And what else can possibly matter in any vital way so long as we know this truth, and walk in the light of it to the end?

Prayer

Almighty God, Who hast brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Prince of salvation, with everlasting victory over sin and the grave: grant us power we beseech Thee to rise with Him to newness of life. Uphold and direct us by Thy Spirit, that we may overcome the world with the victory of faith, and have part at last in the resurrection of the just; through the merits of the same risen Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

At a meeting of the Jhansi Council. Seated: Misses B. Scott, E. Magee, Mrs. Jos. Muchan, Mrs. Cheshire. Standing: l. to r., Mr. Knox, Mr. MacKay, Miss Reaveley, Mrs. MacKay, Mr. Cheshire, Miss Leask, Mr. Self, Mrs. Stirrett, Mrs. Self, Dr. Stirrett, Mr. Muchan.

AN interesting experiment is being conducted by Miss Hazel Reaveley with Miss Miriam Lal (Miss Lal had responsibility for the dispensary and nursing care of the girls at the School and after a year of training in Madras volunteered for evangelistic work.) They are attempting by careful teaching methods among the children and women and men to secure a small group who would compose the core of a Christian community. Already there has been a rather surprising response from the men. We shall watch this venture, which is somewhat different from the type of thing which has been done before, with prayerful interest and trust that Miss Reaveley and Miss Lal may see rich fruit from their efforts.

L.K.P.

Displaced Persons — Our Responsibility

A Message from The Honourable Cairine R. Wilson

THE Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church has done, and continues to do, such valuable work I feel it is a privilege to be invited to contribute to *The Glad Tidings.*

It has been suggested that you would like some information regarding the work for that unfortunate section of the world's population now termed ''Displaced Persons''.

I think we should all bear in mind the words in the Book of Malachi: ''Have we not all one Father? Hath not one God created us?'' This is essential for we are, alas, to-day living in a world torn by strife and hatred.

For the past twelve years I have been Chairman of the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, and I confess, with sorrow, it has not always been easy to persuade Canadians that we should offer a home to the homeless.

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Senator Cairine Wilson

After the rise of Hitler to power and the intensive persecution of the Jews—as well as those of Christian and democratic views—restrictions on our immigration were so severe that hundreds of fine people lost their lives or were forced to suffer cruelly, who might have become splendid Canadian citizens. To-day, I am pleased to say public opinion has changed, but even now the emphasis is on our own requirements, and not always on the needs of others.

Professor R. Davie of Yale has made extensive studies on migration problems, and in his book states:

> ''It is an old American custom to depict the latest arrivals on our shores as strange creatures whose presence threatens the American way of life.''

It is difficult to understand why human nature is always inclined to dwell on the differences between races, and not on the advantages which may be derived from other cultures.

The original inhabitants of North America had more reason to dread the coming of the white man, for it meant the loss of their rights and reduction to a second class citizenship. Our Presbyterian Church — and particularly the

Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)—has shown a keen interest in our native Indians, and we have reason to be proud of schools for which the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is responsible. It is regrettable, however, that the graduates of these schools return to reservations where in many cases there is no church, no one to administer sacraments, and where they feel unhappy for they are now unfitted for their former life.

We are gratified that in introducing the bill which established the Department of Citizenship and Immigration our Prime Minister stressed particularly that this would be a great step forward, for in due time the Indians would be given the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

Since the International Refugee Organization was set up in July, 1947, it has performed a stupendous task, for it has helped 870,000 refugees to settle in new communities and another 75,000 to return to homelands from which they had been driven by war and fear. First scheduled to terminate its activities in June, 1950, the term was extended to March, 1951, and now to September of this year. Unfortunately, there were still at last Christmas 225,000 who looked to the I.R.O. for assistance. For the refugee, Christmas is a religious affair that honours the birth of One who was Himself a refugee in Egypt.

The greater number of those remaining in the camps are too old, too young, or suffering from some disability which renders them unacceptable by ordinary standards.

Norway made a fine Christian offer in agreeing to take responsibility for 50% of the blind, and their dependents, and other countries have since made similar offers.

I was delighted to learn that the Canadian National Institute for the Blind is to bring ten blind persons to Canada, and that the ten would be able to lead happier and more useful lives for they had been taught trades in the Displaced Persons' camps.

At the last meeting of the Canadian Council of Churches in November, the secretary of the World Council of Churches made a moving appeal on behalf of those who are termed, in words which must be considered callous, "the hard core". Amongst these are many whom our church groups could help, and as a woman I should like to stress the plight of widows with one, two, or three children, who with our aid could be well settled in Canada.

The Roman Catholic Church, with its strong central organization, has been able to offer substantial guarantees, and the Jewish Organizations have over the years accomplished super-human tasks. In Canada the Lutheran Church has shown amazing generosity, and I feel confident that with a better knowledge of the facts the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church will not be found wanting. Could not many of our groups in individual Churches assume responsibility for bringing to Canada a widow with children, a professional man or woman, or other Displaced Persons who are not qualified to come forward under the group movements sponsored by our Labour Department?

When the plan to bring certain of the younger women from the Camps to Canada as domestic workers was first put into effect it is not surprising that many of the professional class and those with academic qualifications gladly volunteered. We can appreciate their feelings of frustration at their own lack of skill at unaccustomed tasks and the added problems of different customs and language. If we can give to these newcomers the idea that they are welcome, and meet them with understanding and sympathy, it may completely change their outlook, and make them eager and proud to have the privilege of becoming citizens of Canada. One of the women in Montreal, who is responsible for their placement, tells the tale of one of her charges. This young woman came to her in a most unhappy frame of mind, for she felt that the mistress could not understand, nor she, what was required of her. The advisor urged her to try once again, and in a month's time was astonished to have this report (with a smile): ''I stay; I get used to their queer ways!''

Some years ago the Canadian National Council on Refugees assumed responsibility for a group of people from various parts of Europe, who were then stranded in Lisbon. On her first visit to a moving picture, the wife of one of these men lost her purse containing a small amount of money which had been loaned by the Refugee Committee. The poor woman was sick at heart when she was assured there was no chance of recovering the missing article. She went, however, to the box office next day, and was over-whelmed with joy when the young lady on duty handed her the purse with the money intact. Since then it has been impossible to convince this same woman that Canadians are not the most honest people in the world.

These little stories may show us that we may each be privileged to have a share in this great work. We have a wonderful country with unsurpassed opportunities for development, and must ponder on the parable of the Talents, for if we do not make the best use of God's gifts we run the risk of losing all. Let us not be condemned with him who wrapped his one talent in a napkin.

The Church is at its strongest and best if it is ready to sacrifice itself to win the battle. The whole body of Christ is involved. It (the task) cannot be left to front line pickets.

—Dr. Reiss at Canadian Council of Churches Annual Meeting.

Our Newest Mission Field

THE time is opportune to record some facts concerning the part taken by our Presbyterian Church in Canada in the Inter-Church work of recent years, on behalf of distressed Europe, the newest of our Mission Fields—in which the attempts to rehabilitate church life and leadership is acknowledged as a paramount task. Since 1946, in the plan whereby aid-giving churches channel help, through the offices of the World Council of Churches at Geneva, Switzerland, to aid-receiving churches, the Canadian Council of Churches has sent nearly $350,000, of which our Presbyterian Church in Canada has given $50,000—in which sum is $7,000, the generous gift of our Women's Missionary Society. Since 1948 used clothing weighing over 500 tons has been sent from Canadian Churches, requiring, in addition, $100,000 for transport and administration expenses. Our Presbyterian share in this clothing scheme, both as to material and money, has been so outstanding as to prompt frequent comment at meetings of the Canadian Council of Churches.

The need for clothing is tapering off, but we are asked to continue into the years ahead our generous assistance in Money for re-building bombed churches, providing motor cycles or cars for transport of church workers in special areas, adding books to depleted religious libraries, aiding under-paid clergy in rearing and educating their children, providing treatment and nursing for many of these clergy and their families, offering scholarships to students for the ministry, and meeting their need for food, clothing and books. These are but samples of the need.

The Canadian Council of Churches has been appealing in 1950 for $100,000 for this European Church relief and our proportionate share of this is $15,000, which we earnestly hope to raise before General Assembly meets in June. $2,500 of this came in response to our appeals in 1950, so that $12,500 must be sought before Assembly in June, if we are to keep up our Presbyterian reputation for heeding the cry from Europe.

Donations may be sent in at anytime, marked European Church Relief, to Mr. E. W. McNeill, Treasurer, Presbyterian Church Offices, 63 St. George Street, Toronto. But, please note, that an appeal will be made to all our congregations, to give our people the opportunity to contribute to this newest of our mission fields at Eastertide of this year.

WILLIAM BARCLAY, Hamilton
Convener; European Church Relief.

WHAT DO MISSIONS MEAN TO YOU?

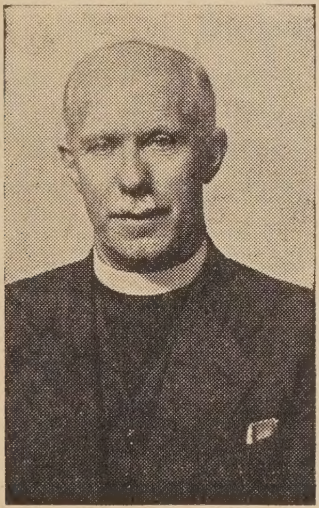
Inter-Church Missionary Enterprise:

Its Value and our Responsibility

By Reverend William Barclay, D.D.
President, Canadian Council of Churches

WHEN a person falls on evil days, the question inevitably and at once arises, what are the members of his family able and willing to do to help? Suppose it is recognized as a case for family help, and suppose each is willing to help according to his ability, the next step is to co-ordinate the joint help of the group. If each should insist on dealing directly with the recipient, and if each is unaware what the others are doing, how inefficient the effort of the whole group may become!

After the first world war, there was a great deal of willingness, on the part of the Christian denominations, to help the worst sufferers: but through lack of co-ordination there was much rivalry and overlapping and regrettable over-emphasis of interest in some areas of need, and under-emphasis of interest in others. That was perhaps not surprising, since world war and its effects constituted a new and therefore unfamiliar problem. The second world war presented the same aftermath of need; but fortunately, because experience teaches, that need has been, and is being met much more successfully. The reason is obvious. Inter-church aid was by then organized in a fashion never before possible; and that is traceable in large measure to the existence, prior to 1939, of a movement towards a World Council of Churches.


Dr. Wm. Barclay

That movement, however, took its rise as far back as 1910, when in Edinburgh, Scotland, there was held an International Missionary Council, at which probably some senior readers of this article may have been present. There missionaries and Mission Board members learned so thoroughly the value of co-ordinating the forces of the various communions, as fellow-workers with Christ in the great vineyard of the world, that the decision was made to use continuing committees, that would keep the joint work going, and prepare for a similar council every ten years if possible. One such committee was formed later, in 1938, which was called, "The Committee for the World Council of Churches in course of formation". And just as war 1914-18 caused postponement of the second International Missionary Council meeting till 1928 in Palestine, so war 1939-45 prevented the World Council of Churches from being constituted until 1948 in Amsterdam. But men like J. H. Oldham and John Mott, who were moving spirits in the Edinburgh Council of 1910, are still with us, and must be deeply moved to think that so strong was the influence of their 1910 gathering, that wars could not quench it, though causing delays in the full measure of its practical expression.

It is not surprising that this movement to co-ordinate the efforts of members of the Christian family, should have come from the Foreign Field. All Christians, no matter what the country or tradition in which they have been reared, were moved in their missionary enterprise by the command of the same Master and Lord, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations". *All* the world! What a vast territory to cover and what teeming multitudes to evangelize! As the exploration and trading enterprises of the nineteenth century opened up new lands, and the missionaries were enabled to enter in, much of the choice of areas of labour was left to the decision of the Churches willing to send out ambassadors for Christ. But in the absence of an over-all strategy, this was bound to lead to a comparative oversupply of workers in some centres, with consequent problems of adjustment; and to a comparative scarcity, or a total absence of workers in less accessible or more lately developed areas. The Edinburgh Council of 1910 was a logical outcome of the situation created during the preceding century.

Need one argue the value of this quickened effort to effect coordination from 1910 onward? In their different countries Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians, to mention only three of the large communions, had come to bear and to cherish the marks of their historical and national origins: but with all the world to evangelize, was it difficult to decide whether each, through its missionaries, should seek to perpetuate among new converts its own organization, methods and type, or, by a working arrangement, based on co-operation, seek to cover as large an area as possible with Christian churches, schools and hospitals? Was it to be a clotting, over-lapping and competing of agencies? Or was it to be an allotting, organizing and collaborating of work, with a view to extending Christianizing influences to the farthest limits possible, so that, "Go ye into *All* the world", would be as literally fulfilled as human effort and planning could effect? The answer is evident.

We are told that all non-Chinese missionaries may soon be out of China. But the Chinese Christians are not unprepared for this eventuality. Co-operative work among the different communions which supported missionaries in China, has paved the way for Chinese Christians to work together in a fashion that isolated functioning by groups of Chinese Christians, resulting from the separated endeavours of denominational teams of missionaries, would never have anticipated.

Surely the combined financial, material and personnel resources of different branches of Christ's Church, under such a system of co-ordination, will be used to much better effect than if applied in isolated fashion, causing overlapping and competition and lack of expansion. But, note well, this does not require organic union of the Churches in the homelands. It does, however, make possible, not only the utmost value to effort on the mission fields, but also that which is the responsibility of all of us, namely, the manifestation of the underlying unity of spirit of all who have a right to call themselves followers of Christ.

If the militant army of Christ is to advance, we must, in each denomination, be responsible, not only for manning our part of the line, but also for seeing that we are sufficiently integrated into the strategy that determines the whole operation of advance. Change the word "country" into "church" in the following declaration by General Eisenhower, and you will get counsel for our own Presbyterian Church in Canada, which will, if heeded, prevent our comparative smallness in numbers becoming a symbol of weakness in Christian service. Speaking in London in January last, the Commander in Chief, said, "I realize there are no criteria by which we can judge the proper contribution which every country (church) must put forward in terms of man-hours, money or anything else material. But in this great foundation of the heart, there is no country (church) however small, that needs take a back seat to any other. Each can aspire to be a leader. . . . So far as I am concerned, the only criterion that should be observed in measuring the contribution of any country (church) should be established by that country (church) for itself, and should be expressed in these terms. 'We intend to put into this effort one more hour, in terms of our size, than anybody else'."

Financial Statement for 1950

IT is with much pleasure that I bring to you a summary of the Financial Statement of your Society for the year 1950. The Auditors' Report was read and accepted at the regular meeting of Council Executive on February 13th, 1951, and this will appear in detail in the Annual Report.

Photo by John Palmer
Mrs. G. R. Pye

General Fund

Receipts from Synodical Societies:	1950	1949
British Columbia	$ 8,000.00	$ 7,097.75
Alberta	7,000.00	5,537.00
Saskatchewan	4,500.00	3,900.00
Manitoba	6,200.00	5,000.00
Hamilton and London	65,100.00	60,800.00
Toronto and Kingston	72,238.63	68,549.56
Montreal and Ottawa	37,750.00	34,560.00
	$200,788.63	$185,444.31
Individual Subscriptions	4,863.66	4,100.43
Interest and Refund	1,100.00	244.15
	$206,752.29	$189,788.89
Disbursements on Estimates	187,841.99	176,349.88
	$ 18,910.30	$ 13,439.01

An additional amount of $1,623.85 received from Individual Subscriptions is being carried over into 1951 as the projects for which these were given, *viz.,* the 2nd Mobile Unit for India and the 3rd Van for Western Canada, have not yet been fulfilled.

In addition to the disbursements on the 1950 Estimates, the following amounts were expended from the 1949 balance:

Cost of Living Bonuses	$ 950.00
Manitoba Flood Relief	1,000.00
Taiwan, held for emergency	5,000.00
60th Anniversary Special Offering received in 1949 for Miss McConnell's Work	100.00
	$7,050.00

You will notice the splendid advance by all Synodicals over their 1949 contributions. Hamilton and London, Toronto and Kingston exceeded their 1950 allocation; Alberta and Saskatchewan obtained theirs; British Columbia, Manitoba and Montreal and Ottawa fell short of their objective. In Toronto and Kingston, two Presbyterials put forth a special effort, over and above their allocation in order to help those who might not be so fortunate, and I know that the increase in Hamilton and London was the result of extra work on the part of its members.

While our receipts increased for 1950, I would draw your attention to the fact that one-third, or $70,395.82 of the total contributions did not reach our office until the closing month of the year. Our expenditures for 1950 were considerably greater than in 1949 and in relating these to our Estimate of $200,000.00, I would like to point out several reasons why the total estimate was not spent by December 30th, 1950.

In our National Department we regret that the new missionary for whom we included an amount of $1,450.00 has not been secured. Our National Advance has also been underspent by $1,500.00 because of our inability to recruit sufficient deaconesses. Three workers resigned from our staff during the year and only one, our hospital visitor in Montreal, has been added. The salary of Miss Helen Ross has been paid from the Department of Indian Affairs Grant since her appointment to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School in September.

Satisfactory progress has been made in our Overseas Advance, but the cost for the first year has not been as great as anticipated, due to the fact that the first Medical Unit was made possible through a gift. The two additional nurses for the hospital in Taiwan came to us from a mission in China and we did not have to bear any travel expense or outfit allowance for which we had estimated $1,300.00 each. We have undertaken to finance the balance of the education and expense of Mr. Wenchi Kim in Canada and here again we had no transportation cost. Our third missionary for overseas work was included in the 1950 Advance Estimate, but Miss Hislop will not be going to India until the middle of 1951. We were able, however, to increase our grant to Vellore to $3,000.00.

We are underspent in our Organization department as the new secretaries who joined our staff in 1950 were on our payroll for only the latter part of the year. Our estimate for Council Expenses was $5,000.00 and our actual expenditure was $3,450.95.

Our receipts from Government Grants were $86,938.35 and our expenditures for Birtle and Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Schools amounted to $86,392.20.

Supply Fund

Balance, 31st December, 1949		$ 6,125.85
Receipts from Synodicals:		
British Columbia	$ 399.25	
Alberta	346.65	
Saskatchewan	171.05	
Manitoba	324.75	
Hamilton and London	2,957.22	
Toronto and Kingston	3,440.39	
Montreal and Ottawa	1,603.94	
		$ 9,243.25
		$15,369.10
Expenditures for Supplies		11,625.53
Balance, 31st December, 1950		$ 3,743.57

Please note that our receipts from Synodicals amounted to only $9,243.25 against disbursements of $11,625.53.

Pension Fund

Legacies to the amount of $540.00, Annuity rates from workers $1,402.98 and interest and dividends $2,538.70 were added to the Fund in 1950. By order of Council $10,000.00 was transferred from the Special Fund to cover the additional cost of the Long Service Pension Plan, approved by Council. During the year $3,779.62 was spent to cover the cost of workers' annuities. The Fund now stands at $91,287.73.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund

Capital Account—A Legacy for $50.00 and a Special Gift of $5.50 were received for this Fund during 1950. The total now stands at $40,341.99, the interest from which is included in the Income Account.

Income Account—Interest from the Capital Account $1,324.11 and Special Gifts designated for education of students make an amount of $2,258.11 added to the account during 1950. Disbursements of $2,339.17 for education of overseas and national students and missionaries were made from the account, leaving a balance on hand of $1,936.40.

Legacy Fund

Our Society has benefited to the extent of $7,020.06 through legacies left by former members and friends. A further $200.00 was received for the Ernest Wylie Memorial. Interest and premium on bonds sold amounted to $2,245.11. From the sale of Westminster Camp, Lake Simcoe, $8,000.00 was returned to this Fund, making total receipts for 1950 of $17,465.17. An amount of $10,122.96 was spent for buildings, equipment for national and overseas work, camp property, literature and interest on Permanent Endowments. The Fund now stands at $76,834.46.

Special Fund

To this Fund there was added during 1950 $2,498.89; from sale of car used by Miss Walker in Manitoba and Saskatchewan $1,100.00, interest $848.89 and payment on launch sold $550.00. By order of Council $10,000.00 was transferred to the Pension Fund, leaving a balance of $25,418.81 which includes several loans.

Overseas Fund

Interest in the amount of $100.31 was added during the year, and an expenditure of $4,000.00 was made to assist in the building of two churches for Koreans in Japan, leaving a balance on hand of $3,755.81.

I feel very honoured, but also very humble in being able to present to you such a splendid statement of your achievements during 1950. This has been a year of trial for many of our women. Homes and lives have been lost through flood and fire, but above it all God has been directing His people, and we as a Society have been abundantly blessed. I pray that we may be worthy of those things which have been entrusted to our care. The days ahead may be uncertain, but we must keep pressing onward . . . we cannot stand still. The 1951 portion of our Advance programme will demand greater effort from us all and as time is running short our energies must be extended if we are to accomplish our mission.

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

Weddings Bells: Leishman - Rose

At Kenora on February 16th, 1951, Miss Helen Rose was united in marriage to Mr. W. J. Leishman. Miss Rose recently went to the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School as a teacher for the Intermediate grade. Mr. Leishman is the farm manager there. They will continue to serve on the Cecilia Jeffrey Staff.

Clothing a Large Family

Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Supply Secretary

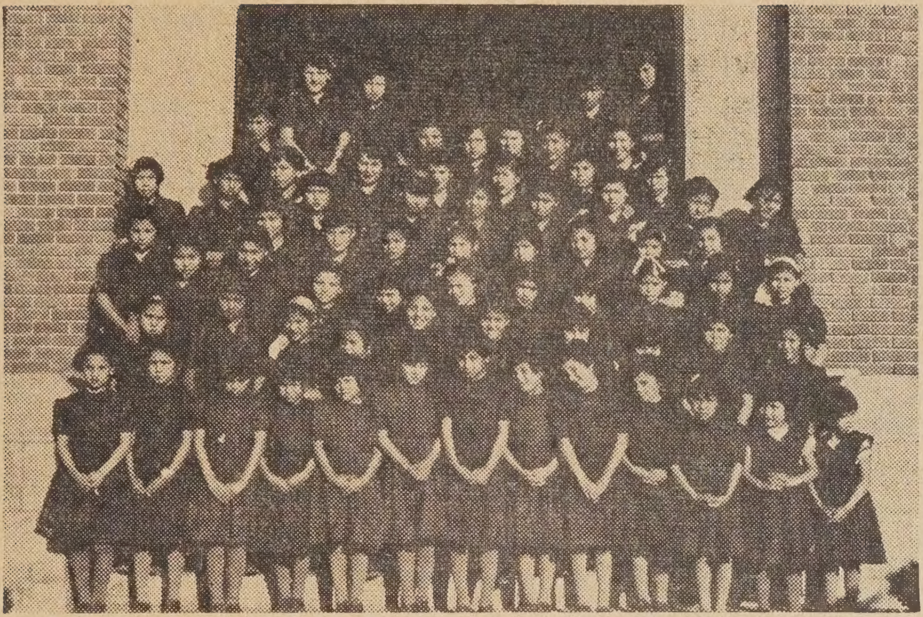
IN these day of mounting costs of living how would you like to clothe a family of 300 children, ranging in age from 6 to 18? This may sound rather startling, but the truth is that the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has such a family. It is housed in two large residential schools one at Kenora, Ontario, and one at Birtle, Manitoba. The family consists of about 300 Indian boys and girls, who look to us to clothe them. They come from the reserves in proximity to these two schools and for ten months of the year their home is either Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School or Birtle Indian Residential School.

Photo by John Palmer

Mrs. D. F. Hazell

For the privilege of giving these children Christian teaching, our Society has undertaken the responsibility of clothing them. For many years individual auxiliaries sent clothing outfits for one or more Indian boy or girl but this was not found to be satisfactory. A few years ago this policy was changed and the auxiliaries were asked to contribute money instead of clothing. It was found to be more practical as well as more economical to buy the clothing in large quantities, and at points near the two schools. This saved a great deal by way of freight charges, and tended toward a greater uniformity in the wearing apparel. The principals and matrons in these schools, purchase the clothing, and that is no small task. They plan carefully and buy to very good advantage, as any thrifty mother would do.

You may be interested in the type of clothing these children wear for school. The girls wear tunics of navy blue drill which are made in the sewing rooms at the schools, while the boys wear blue overall suits. These need to be sturdy for they receive numerous washings. In the picture on this page you will see a group of these children on the school steps. Are they not neat and winsome looking?



The girls at Birtle Residential School

Winter calls for warm parkas and snowsuits, overshoes, warm stockings, sweaters, scarves, mittens, underwear, pyjamas—in fact all the things that any active child of school age needs.

In the last few years one of the hopes and ambitions of the teachers and all interested in the children has been realized; that the parents of some of the children may consent to allow them to go on to High School. At the present time 18 pupils from the Birtle School are attending High School in the town of Birtle, and 4 pupils from Cecilia Jeffrey are attending High School in Kenora. These

The High School Class, Birtle.

children, beside doing the academic work, are taking their place with the rest of the pupils in the sports and social activities of the High School. This means that their clothes must be suitable and attractive — the same type of clothing that any young girl or boy of to-day wears. Being well-dressed gives these children a feeling of self-respect and pride in their appearance. If you will look at the picture of these pupils I think you will agree that they are a very attractive, well-groomed, and keen-looking group of teenagers.

It is estimated that approximately $12,000 will be needed in the year 1951 to clothe our Indian School family. Could you provide clothing, including shoes and linen for your child on $40 per year? The staff of the Indian Schools makes good use of supply funds as you can see from these recent snapshots. Truly this is an important part of our missionary work.

Margaret Wrong Memorial Fund

Edinburgh House, 2, Eaton Gate,
London, S.W.1., England.

Dear Friends,

IT is almost sixteen months since a letter appeared in the *Times* in which a number of friends of the late Miss Margaret Wrong offered to act as a committee to organize a fund through which her memory would be perpetuated and her work for Africa continued. We feel that the time has come when those who sent contributions should be informed of the progress of the Fund.

The response to the letter demonstrated very clearly the affection and respect in which Miss Wrong was held, and the breadth of her interests. Upwards of two hundred contributions were received from many parts of the world. They came from individual friends, firms, missionary societies and a variety of other organizations, and amounted to no less than £1,595. Further gifts can still be received.

The Organizing Committee has taken steps to put the Fund on a permanent basis by constituting a Trust, in which Sir John Waddington, lately Governor of Northern Rhodesia, Mr. Burgon Bickersteth, lately of Toronto University, and Dr. Norman Goodall, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, have accepted appointment as Trustees.

The first Margaret Wrong Prize, consisting of a silver medal and a cash prize, will be awarded in 1951 for the best original literary production received during 1950 from a writer of African race resident in East Africa. The

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An Ancient Ceremony

BY MILDRED GEHMAN, REG.N.

Mrs. Gehman

COULD you but spend one day as my guest in this walled city hemmed in by the mountains of Yunnan and could I choose that day, I would choose the twenty-seventh of August, the birthday of Confucius.

I would be at the station to meet you in the late afternoon of the day before and we would follow your baggage through the cobblestone streets to the temple which is my home and which is now your hospital.

We with the people of this city would be awakened at three the next morning by the boom of a cannon that calls the inhabitants of this city to pay their respects to Confucius. We need not get up immediately for we know the city officials who will officiate in the service must bathe three times and put on new apparel before the service begins.

A half hour later we hear our Chinese friends beginning to gather in the court below and we get ready to join them. It is quite dark but there is a spirit of excitement in the air and an eagerness to be on our way. Some of us carry oil lanterns and some carbide ones to light our way through the park to the temple of Confucius, for there are no electric lights. Along the different paths leading to this temple, the third largest in China, the people of this city are lighting their way with flaming torches. There is a hushed eagerness in the voices of the children who carry these torches and there is a faint promise of dawn coming over the mountains to the south east. We, too, feel an urge to see what brings such numbers from their beds at this early hour.

The temple court is crowded with people, largely students, people of the upper class and the city fathers with their long beards. The darkness is lighted by torches, many torches lighting up faces and trees. Three sacrifices, a goat, a deer and a pig are on stands facing the seat of Confucius and in the temple behind a dressed goat and pig faces the seat of Confucius' parents. This meat is later taken home to be eaten by the families of those who pay respect.

The upper court of the temple is fringed with beautifully embroidered standards and stands of burning incense and here the orchestra takes its place. In the middle court, ten year-old schoolboys, thirty-six of them, stand with a two foot bamboo stick and a gavel held at right angles.

Influential Chinese friends find us a place near the upper court where we can see the ceremony. While we wait there is much wandering back and forth of the city fathers and we wonder why they are waiting. Why doesn't the service begin? Someone asks and we are told they must wait for a cock to crow.

A faint pink is creeping into the sky overhead as the music starts and those paying their respects to the nine-dragon seat of Confucius march by us up the steps from the lower court led by the city officials. They read scrolls before the seat of Confucius, before the seats of his parents and of his disciples. A crier in the upper court calls to a crier in the lower court who in turn calls upon the reeve, the mayor, the chairman of the board of education and the military leader to come forward and bow before the seat of the Master.

The schoolboys perform an ancient dance, singing while they dance to music very strange to our ears. The conductor lowers a beautifully embroidered yellow standard to signal the beginning of the music and raises it on the last note. This music is reserved for this ceremony only. It is exceedingly strange and sweet. We want it to go on and on and we do not want it to stop, for we feel that we are listening to the pulse of ancient China.

Yes, this is an impressive service, one we can never forget. We will go back to our temple glad that we have had this glimpse into the heart of the people we serve and at the same time sad that they do not know the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer of Friendship

Blessed Lord Jesus come, we pray Thee, and walk with my friend and me, as we traverse the dusty road of life together.

Come and talk with us, and enlighten our understanding of each other; Come and abide with us now and until the eventide of life.

Come to us in the breaking of the Bread, so that our friendship may be ever beautiful in the Joy of Thine Own Presence. Amen.

—Bertha Evans.

Report from Rocky

WHAT might be your thoughts, if standing beside a cairn commemorating the life of David Thompson, and the ruins of an old fort built by this young Scotch adventurer, you could look out upon the land once viewed by him as he made his exploratory trips across the prairies, over the mountains to the mysterious western sea? Would you think of the sacrifices made by those who brought the great and golden West under control? Would you think of the dreams that Thompson and his companions may have had of the future?

Agnes Hislop did not tell us what was in her mind when she visited these historic landmarks, but before her and her co-worker, Agnes McLeod, was a job of exploration and discovery quite as exciting as any made by men whose names history has not forgotten. Their travels were not to be made by canoe but in the modern vehicle of exploration: a motor van. Their route was not to be along the rivers in the foothills, but on the broad highway among the families that have made their homes there. Their purpose was not the discovery of the western sea, but to discover how The Presbyterian Church in Canada could best serve the spiritual needs of the people.

"Our first job was to make a survey from Rocky 10 miles north to Frisco." Miss Hislop said.

"What do you do when you make a 'survey'?" was our question.

"We visited almost every home in ten definite rural school areas as well as doing quite a bit of visiting in an area in which Mr. Marsh has services." At each home we ascertained the church

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Agnes Hislop and Agnes McLeod with the van at Rocky.

background, and the present church affiliation of the family. Too, we listed the number and ages of the children, inquired about the Christian instruction they were receiving, and if we deemed it advisable asked if the parents wish to have their names added to the mailing list for Sunday School materials. (Mr. Marsh is the minister at Rocky Mountain House.) The reception at each place was very heart-warming. The people were interested in our mission. They have had little chance to make Church contacts, though several other denominations had done some work in this same area. Our efforts did not overlap theirs. We left Church and W.M.S. literature where we visited. In some places, the people were Presbyterian and interested in having their children study under the Sunday School by post system.''

The ''two Agneses'' spent much of their time on Christian Education. Day school classes, Vacation School and Camp gave opportunities for teaching. When they first went to Rocky, the day school term had not ended. Right away, they were given the opportunity to give Bible teaching in one school. When school closed for the summer term they immediately organized Vacation Schools. The children brought their lunches and stayed all day for these classes which lasted from four to five days in each school area. ''We made a point of trying to know each child. We found them very enthusiastic and anxious to learn the Bible lessons. The parents had knowledge of what was taught for we planned handwork that could be taken home to them.''

The girls gave leadership at the Intermediate Camp at Camp Kannawin. Then when day school classes resumed in the fall, Agnes Hislop who remained on the field until December, went back to week day Bible classes. By this

West of Rocky Mountain House

time she had worked up classes in five schools—one for every school day in the week. When she was not in the class room she visited in the homes in the surrounding communities.

When asked whether she considered the type of missionary work she did in the summer and fall was worth while, Miss Hislop answered emphatically "Yes. I know that we accomplished what Presbytery wanted. Week day Bible classes are a very necessary service. Some children do not get any Christian training at all. Then too, we met many people who had gotten away from the Church and who contact having been re-established, want to maintain it. It is up to us in the Church to keep up that contact until these people become so strongly attached that they *will* maintain it themselves."

The words of Paul to the Romans challenge us as we think of this situation: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

You and I know the answer to these questions.

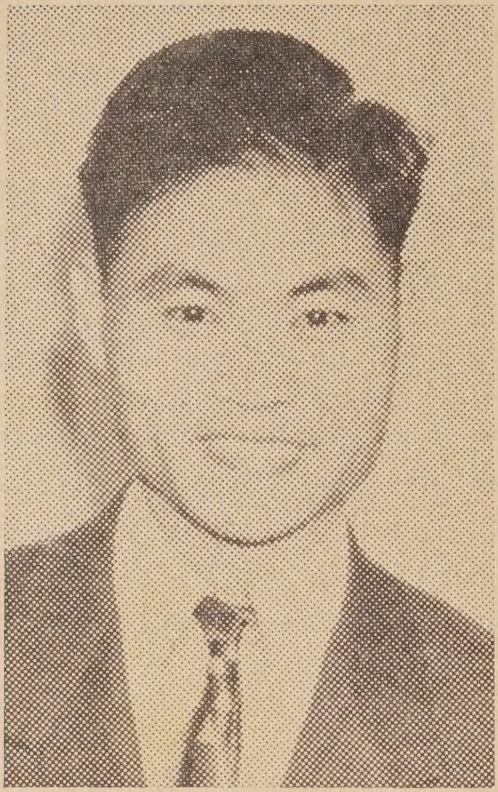
Reception for Chinese Women

ON January 27th, an event of great interest took place in the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Montreal. During the past few months about 20 women have come from China to Montreal, and we arranged to have a little reception for them at the church. Mrs. Louie contacted the newcomers, most of whom were able to come. Several of them brought their children, too, and there was a very fine turnout of the local Chinese women, several of whom willingly volunteered to make special Chinese cakes for the refreshments.

This affair had a double purpose, for we combined our regular W.M.S. Auxiliary meeting with the reception. As Mrs. Louie spoke to the meeting, it was the first time that many of these women had ever heard the Gospel message. It was a very happy gathering, and it is our prayer that many if not all of these newcomers will find our church to be a real church home, and that they will in time come to know God as their Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

MURIEL E. JUDD.

Mr. Wenchi Kim



Mr. Wenchi Kim

WENCHI KIM'S name has become familiar to members of our Society during the past year. A little over a year ago, Mr. Kim came to Canada to study at Knox College in Toronto and in the time that he has been in Canada, he has met many of our people and has made a place for himself among us.

Mr. Kim was born in Kukdong, North Korea, in 1922. His father was at that time, secretary of Fisherman's Bank in North Korea. Two of his three brothers were in professional work when Wenchi last heard from home two years ago. A third brother would be a student under normal conditions. The family were Confucianists following the tradition of many generations.

After attending public school in Korea, Mr. Kim attended a business school for three years. Then he decided to take further education in Japan. He found himself, in a Christian mission school in Japan, a high school which had come under the direction of the Church of Christ in Japan. The principal was a Japanese Christian and his influence meant an entire change of living and of outlook for his young Korean student. "He was a very honest Christian", said Wenchi. "He was anxious to help a Korean boy who seemed isolated and apart from his own people." He found a place for Wenchi to live and took him into his own home to share in the weekly prayer meetings. Wenchi appreciated all these kindnesses and desired to be a part of the Christian community. When he made his confession of faith in Christianity it was because he saw in the Christian way of living, a moral and ethical standard which he admired and in which he believed. "I wanted to be a clean, honest man," he said. But his Japanese teacher taught him that Christianity was more than a moral code, he taught that it was *Life.*

It was the desire of the newly-converted young Korean to become a minister in order that he might help to teach his people in Japan about the Christian faith. He saw the Koreans in Japan as a people shared too, and therefore, not too grim. We still continue to get in vast numbers of ruptured appendix cases, but with penicillin etc. these days they do very well. Our greatest difficulty in treating very ill patients is to get blood donors. Formosans are terrified of giving a few c.c. of blood. We all do our best to set them good examples but of course, we cannot do it too often.

Miss Hermanson wrote of the great help Miss Fitji has been and is in the hospital. You will remember that she is a Norwegian nurse who came to our staff in the late autumn last year. Her Board and ours share in making possible her services in Formosa.

Miss Fitji

Our New Spring Dress

Spring 1951 is a season we really hope to remember! How do you like our new spring wardrobe? The best part of it is, that we expect—unless you, the subscribers, very much object, to continue the cover. The advantages are obvious. Besides four extra pages of material you have a stronger and more attractive covering.

To celebrate the event we have added two (2) extra copies to your *Glad Tidings* Secretary's bundle. This is to enable her and all of the women of our Society to use the magazine to further interest in missions, the world's most challenging task. With such an appearance as the magazine now has, you should be able to quickly sell the two extra copies now in your possession.

Again, to enable the sale we suggest that your secretary offer a subscription rate to start in April and go through to December. This is in addition to the yearly and the half-yearly arrangements. The April-December rates will be 75 cents individual, group 50 cents. Your *Glad Tidings* Secretary will have a memo concerning this and an order form. Tell her about any person in your neighbourhood who might be interested in missions through reading *The Glad Tidings.*

A Letter from British Guiana

Miss Budhoo is a worker for our Society in British Guiana

Miss Eileen Budhoo

Dear Miss Pelton,

I AM very happy, indeed, to hear from you, and that you have appreciated the report sent. It is a real pleasure to me to convey to you of my various activities in this part of the Lord's vine-yard, and also, to all those who have remembered us in their prayers, sent cheering letters, parcels of Sunday School supplies and cards, etc.

. . . Presently Miss Pelton, meetings fill my days. There are the weekly meetings among women and girls. Weekly visits to the various homes of women and girls, then Sunday School work, as practically my days are all taken up.

The Berbice Annual Women's Conference was held in the month of May and the various groups were well represented. It was a full day's session and everyone present gather together as sisters in Christ to have fellowship with God and to commune with Him.

Very favourable reports on what had been accomplished during the year were given by all the Societies.

Another important event is the Berbice Young People's Conference—it is the second annual Conference which was held in August of this year. Comparing with last year's attendance, it is by far a larger group of young people that were present this year. So you see, the response was simply grand. All present enjoyed the fellowship and communication quite freely. There was such liberty and freedom in speaking in the discussion groups. At the close a consecration service was held and an opportunity given to those who had accepted Christ as Saviour during the Conference, or had re-dedicated their lives to His service to testify to what God had done for them. There were many who have given their personal testimonies.

What a thrill it was to hear the young people singing spontaneously the great hymns of the Church, or to be awakened in the morning hours by the strains of our "Theme Song", "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus."

Personally, it was a real joy to me and that inward experience of real Christian happiness I did enjoy at Conference.

Presently, we are having very warm days in British Guiana, the heat is so much that one gets tired very quickly. We will be soon facing the bright season of the year and that is the harvesting of our rice crop, then our "Harvest Thanksgiving Services".

Well, Miss Pelton, I think I must close now after relating to you so much of what is happening presently in British Guiana.

We need your prayers. And "May God's richest blessing be upon you."

Sincerely yours,

Eileen Budhoo.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

FOR a long time, some members of our Auxiliary have been wondering if it would be possible to hear more about definite conversions that are taking place in both the foreign fields and the home fields under the ministry of our Presbyterian Missionaries. This is what we want to hear above all else. It seems we hear reports on everything but the one big thing that is near and dear to our hearts. Some of the W.M.S. members are beginning to direct their gifts to the Faith Missions because of the clear and definite testimonies of the power of God working in the hearts of the unregenerated, which appear in their letters and papers from time to time. So often when preparing a review of *The Glad Tidings* for the W.M.S. meeting, one has to turn to other missionary papers for material to stir the hearts of the members to a deeper interest in missions—articles telling about the changed lives as a result of the preaching of the Gospel. I am sure that our own Presbyterian missionaries in foreign lands as well as home lands have many experiences they would like to tell about: souls brought out of darkness into the marvellous light of Jesus Christ, if they knew that was what the donors back home really want to hear about primarily.

Yours very sincerely,

PEARL E. HENDERSON,
Lucknow, Ontario.

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organization of future competitions has been placed in the hands of an Administrative Committee, representative of Miss Wrong's wide interests in Africa, North America and the United Kingdom.

Will you please accept the sincere thanks of the Committee for your help in making it possible to preserve in this way the memory of a fine Christian woman, who gave herself so wholeheartedly to the service of the people of Africa.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER COX, *Chairman.*
MICHAEL N. DAVIDSON, *Treasurer.*
T. COCKER BBOWN, *Secretary.*

Welcome, New Canadians

BY HILDA BLACKWELL

This is the second edition of Miss Blackwell's story of her work. The first one appeared in December 1950.

I cannot possibly describe to you all the exciting experiences I have had. They have been varied—

1. Accompanying people who speak little English and getting meals for them as well as counselling them on the use of Canadian money.

2. Securing transportation for the English wife of a Canadian serviceman who was a railway employee, and relieving her distress because she had spent all of her funds so sure was she that he would be at the pier to meet her and the children, but he had missed the train. Escorting the mother, daughter and infant (with baggage and hobby horse) into the train at precisely the last minute; and, finally, having to mail their hats on to them because they had been left in the Nursery.

3. Helping Nurse Alexander at Windsor Station wring out sheets after they had been soiled by a sick Danish boy whose family I had been looking after.

4. Finding a lost handbag containing railway tickets and getting it to the owner just before the train was due to leave the Quebec wharf.

5. Looking after an elderly lady who had fainted and cut her face on her spectacles as she fell—then answering the questions of the shipping company investigator.

6. Finding a woman in tears sitting on her suitcase outside the Customs enclosure at the Quebec wharf because she had been denied permission to enter and find the neighbour she had come all the way from Toronto to look after, and she was afraid she had missed her friend because she had been waiting for four hours. I relieved her distress when I found out that the friend was still there having lunch on board the ship. After sharing my small lunch with her, I persuaded the officer on the gate to let her through with me; and we found the friend—an elderly very absent-minded lady who had been in the care of the stewardess all the way across. I had to arrange to have the two friends travel in the same car and I accompanied them from Quebec to Montreal.

The majority of ships in the St. Lawrence service sail from Liverpool. This is the second year the Reverend J. B. Kat of Queen's Road Presbyterian Church, Liverpool, has been serving as our port chaplain there. He goes on board the ships to assist passengers as they are embarking, to acquaint Presbyterians of the work of our Church in Canada, and assure these people of a warm welcome here, telling them to look for the deaconess. We are considering having buttons prepared which Mr. Kat will ask the Presbyterian immigrants to wear in order that they may be more easily recognized at the port of landing. Mr. Kat forwards, by air letter, the names and addresses of all Presbyterian immigrants shown on the records to which he has access. This letter is generally received two or three days before the arrival of the ship. I have tried to contact as many of these people as possible, but I cannot devote my entire time to this list as my attention is often called by Customs Inspectors and Baggage Checkers to other passengers in distress. Port reception work, you see, has always been of a non-denominational nature; and it should be. All newcomers to Canada, no matter what their nationality or religion, need to have a friendly welcome and assistance in their problems.

Many newcomers and tourists have told me how pleased they were to see the Presbyterian Church represented at the port, especially as many people from Great Britain are still under the impression that there is no Presbyterian Church in Canada; and it's surprising how many members of our own Church have been agreeably surprised to learn that we maintain such a service.

Often when we contact people in trouble they say, ''But we don't belong to your Church''; and they tell us their religion. In such cases, if they wish it, we bring the Port Priest or the Sister of Service, or the port worker for that denomination (if there is one); but otherwise we do what we can to relieve their distress. Here is an example:

Early this Spring, when the *Beaverbrae* docked at Halifax with a number of Displaced Persons, a lady eight-one years of age came off the first day because she thought her daughter and son-in-law would be there to take her to their home in New Brunswick. She was passed through Immigration and Customs, but no more could be done until her rail ticket was produced. The Presbyterian and the United Church workers were looking after her; and when they learned that she was a Roman Catholic, they drew the attention of the Sister to the lady's plight. She just said, ''Put her on the train'' apparently not interested in her. As the night wore on and it was evident that the relatives would not be there, the Protestant workers arranged to have the lady taken back on board the ship to sleep. The next morning, in answer to their telegram, they received word from the son-in-law about the transportation. When they were putting the lady on the train, the dear old soul said, ''My daughter is Evangelical, I will be too, from now on.''

As soon as we can see the ship's records after the passengers have been entrained, the port receptionist copies the names and addresses of those who are indicated as belonging to our Church. Last Fall I learned that we could speed up the work of sending out names of passengers who arrived at Halifax. A copy of the Index Book of some ships is airmailed to the head offices of the company in Montreal immediately the ship is tied up at the Halifax pier, and I have been able to take my portable typewriter and copy the names of those passengers in whom we are interested and have them in Mr. Pickup's hands even before the passengers are coming through Montreal on the special trains, which I also meet.

Immediately the lists are received in our office, Mr. Pickup writes on them the names and addresses of the church representatives to whom notices are to be sent. Our office is in the Dominion Square Building, centrally located in Montreal handy to the railway stations. From this office go out all the advices to our churches regarding newcomers who have arrived at the Canadian ports and are destined to places where our Church has congregations. The minister of the nearest Presbyterian Church is always notified if the newcomer is recorded as Presbyterian, Church of Scotland, Reformed or Evangelical. And if there are women and children in the party, a copy of the notice is also sent to the Welcome and Welfare Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society. These people should be contacted and every effort made to secure their membership in one of our churches, if possible. Besides the potential gain to our Church, these people need your friendship most while they are strangers; and, often because they have been able to bring so little money with them, the Church people can be helpful in supplying necessities to tide them over the strenuous period of getting settled in a new home.

Besides the notices to the churches, we send letters of welcome to all whose names we have forwarded as well as to any who are just marked "Protestant", if we have a church where they are going. We have letters printed in English, Dutch, Ukrainian, Hungarian, Latvian and Estonian, the printing of which has been covered by generous contributions from the Women's Missionary Society, W.D. We have many letters from British people and from Displaced Persons of different nationalities expressing appreciation of this service. In many cases, ours was the first letter the newcomer received in Canada.

There is considerably more to our work than just welcoming and assisting the people who come forward under the various immigration schemes and sending out advices in order that the churches may concern themselves about the spiritual welfare of the New Canadians. Our office has become a bureau of information on all matters pertaining to the welfare of immigrants. And through representation made by the Director to Federal Government Departments concerned, approval has been given for the immigration of several families of Displaced Persons (Ukrainian, Hungarian, Latvian and Estonian) and relatives of D.P.'s in Canada, as well as children of naturalized Chinese Canadian citizens. The majority of these children are attending our Chinese Mission in Montreal. In this immigration work we really have foreign missions in our own land.

The Gift Of A Million Dollars!

"I WISH I had a million dollars", how many of us have made that statement, suffering from an over-dose of wishful thinking. I heard one of our secretaries make it to-day. When she was asked how she would use it, she replied: "For the Church, I am just burdened with the need existing in our own land for money to make possible the work of the Church."

Next week, she and all of you will have cause for rejoicing and for thanksgiving to God for then it will be made known that *our Presbyterian Church has been given one million dollars ($1,000,000.) by one layman* who wishes to be and to remain, an anonymous giver. "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

The terms of the gift: 1. A grant of $100.00 per annum to each married minister in the group aided.

2. A further grant of $50.00 per annum for each of the first three dependent children.

3. Benefits will range from $100.00 to $250.00 per annum.

The gift is to benefit ministers on the minimum stipend whether that stipend is paid entirely by the congregation or in part by the congregation and in part by grants. (The present minimum stipend is $2,000.00 plus a manse plus a car allowance based on necessary Sunday driving.) As funds permit, aid will be extended over a twenty-year period, half of each year's gift being retained for use in the second decade. Administration is vested in eleven special trustees—three appointed by the Board of Administration, three by the General Board of Missions, together with (ex-officio) the Clerks of the General Assembly, the Secretary for Home Missions, the Treasurer of the Church, and the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa.

"Just what it will mean in terms of advancement of our work?", you may be asking. We invite you to read again the terms of the gift, then picture in your mind the vast areas of our land which is now served by ministers who, are giving all their talents for a material remuneration which is 75% of a labourer's wage. When you stop to think about it, their gift to their Master is just as great, in material terms, as the gift which will now benefit them. When a young man enters the ministry, he gives up for all time the opportunity of making a personal fortune. He must forego the pleasure of a successful business career. His wife must plan her housekeeping money with greatest care. These conditions have been known and considered for some time by a Laymen's Committee on Stipends. They have brought ministers' income and expenses to the attention of the Church. As a result gains have been made. Increases in Budget Funds have permitted the raising of the minimum stipend by $200 and the provision of a car allowance. This has taken place within the last several years. Just imagine the plight of a minister with a family who had a salary of $1,800 and had to finance a car!

The new minimum salary now will be $2,100 to $2,250—no great fortune even yet—but it will mean that a start has been made to aid those servants of our Church who are ministering to new congregations, to rural congregations, to Chinese, Indian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, French and Italian people, who are in need of more and more leadership. And just think ladies—how important the wives have become. None of these benefits are possible unless the minister is married. Here is a case where two can live cheaper than one.

Mr. Dutton, Chairman of the Board of Administration says in a letter to the ministers of our Church: "We hope that no congregation will, even for a moment, feel that this gift relieves it of the Christian obligation to carry, to the full extent of its ability, the support of its own minister. We hope that, while few can match this gift in dollars, many will seek to match the liberality of the donor within the measure of their circumstances."

We who are members of a Society which strives to do its part in the cause of Christendom can rejoice that the missionary enterprise is being thus aided. Many of those who will benefit are men in areas where we are deeply interested — areas where our work cannot bear its full fruit unless there is a minister. An example is the work among Indians. Young men in Knox College are said to be willing to serve as ministers among the Indians. Now they will realize that there are people—lay people who care that they do this mission work. Many more may feel that if one man or woman has answered the call of God with his or her whole heart by offering his wordly wealth that they will respond to the same call and give their lives. How wonderful it will be to have our Indian students go back to communities where they may continue to have the services of the Christian Church. Oh, if you stop and think you can see so much that this gift will accomplish. May it inspire all to follow the example of our friend and contribute just as much as we can to the Budget of our Church. W.M.S. members are used to budgets. We have just had cause for rejoicing that our own Budget requirements were met so wonderfully in 1950. We know that setting high goals and bending every effort to reach them receive blessing from God.

It is hard to put into cold type the feeling of great joy and thanksgiving that some one person among the thousands of Presbyterians in this vast Dominion has been led by God to care so much about His Church and its ministry that he or she is willing to make this great gift. One million dollars represents a great deal of work, much skill in some field of endeavour. It is a great deal of money. We cannot help but think of the story of the talents and hear the word of the Master: ‘‘Well done thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.’’

Full Loyalty

BY HELEN FAIRBAIRN

Next in importance to the surrender of the soul to Christ we must place the need for making it a full surrender. If one door in the House of Life is closed against the gracious Guest the part that it shuts off from His cleansing and controlling presence will sooner or later betray us. In that way disaster is brought upon many a Christian life and discredit upon his profession. . . . Judas followed the Lord but he never gave up his love of money, and it finally invaded his whole being and destroyed him. From what we have seen of life we could all adduce instances of the danger of partial surrender. It could do no harm for us to examine our hearts and lives, in order to discover if we are, perhaps unintentionally, keeping something back from His control. As someone has said, He must be Lord of all or He is not Lord at all.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

The subject of literacy and Christian Literature—the teaching of the peoples of the world to read and the supplying of good literature for them to read — is one which is gaining the attention, and more and more kindling the imagination, of those interested in making the Gospel of Jesus Christ known throughout the world.

One of the meetings in this study year is set aside for thinking about Christian Literature and our Society's contribution to it. Those responsible for the programme at this meeting will find several books available which will provide them with information to supplement that given in the study book.

THE HIGHWAY OF PRINT by Ruth Ure has been described as "a symposium of world experience and opinion concerning Christian Literature. It is designed both to stimulate wider interest and to offer guidance to those who plan programmes, to authors, publishers and distributors." First it points out the need, then it gives the historical geography of Christian Literature, outlines the planning needed, explains the ways in which books are written, published and distributed throughout the world and emphasizes the need for a true appreciation of the great task which is truly not "a human enterprise" but "of God".

Dr. Frank Laubach, widely known as "the apostle of literacy" has provided several books on the subject. One which came out several years ago, but still is one of the most interesting for general reading, THE SILENT BILLION SPEAK, outlines the way in which Dr. Laubach began his first literacy campaign among the Moros of Mindanoa and how it led to similar campaigns throughout the world. In a larger book TEACHING THE WORLD TO READ the same author explains how modern mass attacks on illiteracy are organized and carried on, how spoken language is reduced to writing, charts are made, teachers are taught to assist the illiterate adults and how word lists and literature are prepared for new literates.

At the meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in January 1950 Dr. Laubach delivered an address, which has been printed in booklet form, entitled LITERACY AS EVANGELISM. In this inexpensive booklet we have a most challenging address in which Dr. Laubach points out "three doors as big as half the world, which have just swung open for us"—literacy, simple literature and Christian aid to underprivileged areas. As he describes them Dr. Laubach explains what can be done about them and says, "Nothing, nothing stands in our way save the vision and consecration of our

Protestant Churches. . . . We have nothing to fear but fear; we shall not fail when God is pushing us. I tell you what we need to fear, *fear the way we are now,* for we aren't good enough, hot enough, high enough, daring enough, far-visioned enough for this splendid hour.''

See that some or all of these books are made available to the members of your auxiliary for reading and discussion.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

Dear Auxiliary Members,

LAST month we were thinking of our allocation and what it means. Should we make plans to meet this allocation or just let it go till the end of the year and see what the result will be? We think we should apply the same careful planning to this as we would to anything else we undertake. Systematic giving on a weekly or a monthly basis has been found the most satisfactory because it ensures a regular contribution, and is easier for each member to take her individual share.

To give 10 cents, even 25 cents a week or more is easier than to give 40 cents or a dollar a month. Then, too, it would mean that the great percentage of our givings would not be coming at the end of the year.

This brings us to the duty of the Treasurer. She should keep the auxiliary informed regularly as to the state of the finances. It is very disturbing for an auxiliary to learn in November or December that it is *behind* in its objective. A comparative statement each time is more easily understood and remembered. Some very successful treasurers have adopted the plan of aiming to have half the allocation in by the end of June. That, too, is worth trying.

An auxiliary takes a great joy and satisfaction in exceeding its allocation. That is like going ''the second mile''.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Secretary

FOR the past two months we have been writing about auxiliary meetings in general. You will recall that in the January number we asked you to consider several questions and we are hoping to have some ideas or suggestions from you for better auxiliary meetings. In February Miss Irvine discussed the "Service of Worship", the importance of having the worship service properly conducted and presented in an atmosphere of quiet reverence.

At every auxiliary meeting there are always matters of business to be taken up and sometimes discussions will drag on and become most uninteresting. The business part of your meeting should be conducted in a business like manner according to parliamentary procedure. The members should have the opportunity to express their opinions before the motion is put, but it is important to keep the discussion to the subject and not let it wander or continue too long. If you are not familiar with the correct parliamentary procedure try to find someone in your Community who would come to your meeting and explain the methods or write for *Rules and Order of Procedure* available at Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W. (price, 25c). Be sure that the business will be well handled and put through quickly instead of being a long drawn out affair in which the members have lost interest.

Next month Miss Irvine will talk about the main part of the programme—"The Study" and also give some suggestions for programmes when the study has been completed.

We are striving to have auxiliary meetings that will interest new comers, and make them feel that they would like to come back to the next meeting.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

The Resurrection

BY REVEREND A. W. CURRIE, CHAIRMAN,

Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies

THE great message of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, involves many practical doubts in the minds of people generally; young people, in particular, are given to asking questions about these deep mysteries of our Christian faith—questions which show that they are wrestling with the deep things of God's work and trying to reconcile them with their new-found technical knowledge. It is true that the works of God are spiritually discerned, but in all fairness to questioning minds we must be prepared to meet the arguments which are sometimes advanced to deny the resurrection.

There are those who say that perhaps Jesus did not die on the Cross, but that He only fainted and that He revived in the tomb and made His escape. But it is the plain record of Holy Scripture that He was crucified; both His friends, and His enemies, were witnesses to that fact. Roman crucifixion left no possibility of anyone escaping alive. Furthermore, it would be impossible for even the best escape artist to free himself from the grave clothes in which the bodies of that day were wrapped.

It is said that the Jews who were responsible for crucifying Jesus took away His body in case he was glorified as a martyr. But the Jews would have given anything to disprove the resurrection, and, if they had done this, they would speedily have said so.

There are some who argue that perhaps the disciples took the body of Christ away and that they concocted the story of the resurrection. Men may die for an illusion, but they will not give up their lives for the sake of that which they know to be a lie, and the disciples later died for their belief in the resurrected Lord. In the words of St. Peter, ''We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty''. (2 Peter 1: 16)

There are others who claim that the resurrection must have been some kind of hallucination. It is perfectly true that some people are given to flights of imagination in which they are unable to distinguish between fact and fancy. But such accusation could never be brought against such matter-of-fact men as the disciples. Moreover, the apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 15: 6 that the resurrected Christ appeared to about 500 brethren at once, and 500 people do not have the same hallucination all at the one time.

As trivial as these questions and doubts may appear, they are, nevertheless, of great concern and moment to those who express them and we must be prepared to face them as best we can. But to argue for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on this level only, would be to fail in our task. Our greatest argument and the thing to which we must appeal with ever-increasing vigour is what Paul calls ''the power of His resurrection''—the fact that Christ is alive, here and now, and that it is possible for us as Christians to experience and know the power of His resurrection. Such a knowledge of the risen Lord will enable us to say with the apostle Peter, ''Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away''. (1 Peter 1: 3-4)

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

''If ye have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.'' Romans 6: 5.

DEAR LEADERS: As Easter approaches, our thoughts turn toward the Cross and beyond to the glory of the risen Christ. Let us stop at this season for meditation shutting out the world with its interests and feverish pace.

Sin cuts off from God all those who are not reconciled to Him through the atonement of Christ. Because He was bearing the sins of all mankind, while on the cross, our Saviour was shut off from God and cried out in agony, ''My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?'' Even if we are no longer cut off from God because we have accepted the sacrifice of Christ for us, we may not have as close relationship with Him as we would like because of sins which we may perhaps regard lightly.

Let us pray that God will show us ourselves as He sees us. Let us ask that we may be made conscious of how our indifference, and our carelessness in seeking communion with Him have held back our own spiritual growth and hindered His work. Let us pray that our self-will may be forgiven and brought into submission so that lovingly God may mould us for His use. Let us come in shame to The Cross confessing all those sins which form a barrier to a close walk with God. Let us ask forgiveness in the knowledge that those sins were paid for long ago.

After the Cross comes the glory of Easter morning. If we have been cleansed from sin through acceptance of the sacrifice of our Saviour, let us enter with Christ into the joy and triumph of the Resurrection to live victoriously. We are assured of eternal life because He overcame death. We are promised that we may have His power in our daily living; power to overcome sin, power to face with confidence and trust the onslaught of difficulties and griefs which beset us, and power to witness for Him. We have the promise that if our hearts and wills are surrendered to Him, The Risen Christ shall reign in us pouring forth His love to those about us, and little children shall see our Lord in our every word and deed. Amen!

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — At the Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Vancouver, the auxiliary honoured the wife of the minister, Mrs. Grant Hollingsworth, who has been with the group four years and the President Mrs. J. Rogers.

The Annual Meeting of Robertson Auxiliary, Vancouver, was held recently when annual reports were presented and the new officers for the coming year were elected, and installed by Mrs. E. L. Garvin. Mrs. W. J. Murdock retiring president was honoured. Mrs. D. Fotheringham referred to the faithful ten years of service given by Mrs. Murdock as president.

Victoria Presbyterial—Mrs. H. Warren presided at the December meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Victoria.** The special event was the presenting of two Honorary Life Memberships to Mrs. M. C. Fuller and to Mrs. Frank Moore.

ALBERTA

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EDMONTON Presbyterial—At the December Executive meeting of the Edmonton Presbyterial, Mrs. Kelman, the President, made an announcement that Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary for Alberta, will be leaving the province, where she has served so faithfully for four years, to take up work in Vancouver. A motion of appreciation was passed at the meeting.

The first Presbyterial Executive meeting of 1951 was held recently in First Presbyterian Church, **Edmonton.** The President, Mrs. Kelman, gave an inspiring message, urging the members to take stock of themselves, to note their errors of the past year, and to consider the best way to improve. She lamented the fact that few deaconesses were being trained, compared with the number in former years. Leaders for the young are so urgently needed. More means and leaders for extensive work in outlying places are required, for only the fringe of this phase of mission work has been touched.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA Presbyterial — The Annual Meeting of the Women's Federation of First Presbyterian Church took the form of a luncheon, and it was held at one o'clock on January 3rd. Reverend N. D. Kennedy asked the blessing. Mrs. A. S. Sibbald, President of Regina Presbyterial was the principal speaker and in a very inspiring address she commented on the progress made by the Federation in the two years since its organization and stressed the need for continued co-operation. She also suggested some paths of Service for the New Year. Standing Committees and Conveners of Circles were given. It was gratifying to note that the allocation had been exceeded. Mrs. J. A. Browne was elected President for 1951, Mrs. J. B. Shaw installed the new officers.

MANITOBA

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WINNIPEG Presbyterial—A Presbyterian Day of Prayer was held in

First Church, **Winnipeg**, January 19th. The theme: ''Unto you therefore, He is precious''. The Reverend James Marnoch was the guest speaker. Mrs. G. A. Warrington, first vice-president, presided. The prayer for world peace was given by Mrs. W. McPherson of Norwood Auxiliary and for our Nation by Mrs. J. R. McDonald of Kildonan Auxiliary; for the work of our missions, Mrs. J. Kirkpatrick of First Church; the prayer for the Church universal by Mrs. A. K. Goertzen of Elmwood Auxiliary; prayer for the sick and bereaved by Mrs. S. Sutton of Calvin Auxiliary; prayer for the re-dedication of our lives to His service by Mrs. G. W. Bradley. The Bible reading was taken by Miss Lyle Hyde of St. John's Auxiliary. The dedicatory prayer was given by Reverend James Marnoch.

Mrs. Peter Kee, who was first president of Winnipeg Presbyterial after Church Union in the year 1925, passed away very suddenly. Mrs. Kee was well known for her interest in missionary work and will be remembered by all who knew her.

The Auxiliary of **Old Kildonan** held their annual meeting in December at the home of Mrs. Cormack Smith. Miss Margaret McBeth presided during the election and installation of officers. This being the Centenary year of Old Kildonan, Mrs. Cormack Smith was appointed a member of the Centenary committee. The Home Helpers of Kildonan held a social evening at the home of Mrs. J. A. Davidson. A short devotional period preceded a very enjoyable social time. Miss Bain, deaconess working with the Presbytery of Winnipeg, was an invited guest and spoke of her training. Mrs. J. R. McDonald also addressed the group encouraging them to always keep a connection with the Church. The girls of Old Kildonan under the leadership of Miss Marlene Sinclair sang several songs.

A Home Helpers' evening was held by the Evening Auxiliary of St. James Church, Winnipeg, on January 15th. Guests were the Home Helpers of the Evening Group, members of St. James Auxiliary and their Home Helpers and members of the Edith Magee and Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliaries and First Church Auxiliary. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Home Helpers secretary of the Presbyterial was the guest speaker. Her theme was ''Behold I set before thee an open door''—a greater understanding of the work in the Home Helper department. Miss W. Nash, president of the Evening Auxiliary, spoke on the missionary work undertaken in the ''Advance'' both in Canada and overseas.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Mrs. George Robertson, Tara, Presbyterial President, was in the chair for an all-day session of the sub-executive meeting of the Presbyterial held in Paisley, at the home of Mrs. Dippel. Reports were adopted and a programme was drafted for the annual Presbyterial meeting to be held in Walkerton, May 8th. The Women's Missionary Society will thus participate in the 100th anniversary of the Walkerton Presbyterian Church.

At the first meeting of the new year of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Owen Sound**, the president, Mrs. H. L. Sievert, assisted by Mrs. H. W. Willsie conducted the worship period. In addressing the officers prior to their installation, the minister, Reverend E. F. Dutcher, stressed their responsibility in the giving of their time, their talents and their money. ''The greatest investment a person can make is in the realm of human lives.'' He urged the members to fill their offices worthily, always remembering that God's spirit leads the way.

Chatham Presbyterial — Tentative plans for acting as hostess to the Presbyterial at its 37th annual meeting which is to be held January 16 in the evening and all day January 17, occupied the afternoon of the first meeting for the new year of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Windsor.** Mrs. James Stevens the new president, occupied the chair. In discussing the topic from the study book *Our Share in the World Mission,* and in the Advance Plans, Mrs. Fred McKee said, ''the urgent need in the world to-day for Christ demands the dedication of all His followers.''

The Christmas meeting of **Duart** Auxiliary was held at the manse. The report of the year's activities was most gratifying. A synopsis of the sixth chapter of *Towards A New Dawn In Japan* was prepared by Mrs. D. McLaren in which she told of how after 1925 a delegation from The Presbyterian Church in Canada went to Japan and arrangements were made for the carrying on of our work among the Koreans in Japan. By 1941, 41 Women's Missionary Society auxiliaries had been formed in Japan.

Miss Catherine Ann Briggs of the Do What You Can Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, was the recipient of a Life Membership certificate for five consecutive years of perfect attendance. Since this band averages 34 meetings a year this record is no small achievement. The Senior Auxiliary presented her with a pin.

At the December meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Mrs. H. W. Ingold. Mrs. Burns presided in the absence of Mrs. Martin Mepham, retiring after three years as president. Miss Charlotte Farris, deaconess of the church, gave the Christmas message, ''Peace and Goodwill''. The yearly reports showed great progress and the allocation had been exceeded. An invitation was received from the Mission Band to attend a party on December 20th.

Hamilton Presbyterial—The Day of Prayer of the Presbyterial held annually on the first Friday of January was exceptionally well attended this year and was a most helpful and inspiring start for the year's activities. The programme consisted of silent prayer, prayers for our Church and its workers and a prayer for the world. As special speaker Mrs. Charles Carnegy spoke on ''Conditions for Effective Prayer''.

On December 17th the C.G.I.T. and Explorer Group of St. Columba Church, Hamilton, conducted a candle-lighting service at the hour of evening worship. This was a beautiful and impressive presentation of the Christmas message. The congregation was much impressed by the beauty of the service and the evidence of the excellent training given the girls by their leaders, Mrs. J. Menzies, Mrs. S. W. Brodie and Mrs. L. Sinclair.

Huron Presbyterial — Mrs. W. M. Shaddock was hostess for the November meeting of **Clinton** Auxiliary when Mrs. George Robertson spoke on current events relative to our missionary enterprise.

The December meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Goderich,** was held in MacKay Hall. A paper prepared by Mrs. J. W. Smith and read by the president, Mrs. Taylor, told something of the difficult task of rebuilding the Korean Church and the great need in Korea at the present time.

Carmel Church, **Hensall,** held their annual meeting early in December when Mrs. H. Arnold was elected president. A timely address on the Christmas message was given by the Reverend P. A. Ferguson.

On December 6th in **Seaforth** Presbyterian Church a rally of the C.G.I.T. groups of Seaforth, Exeter and Goderich was held. After a picnic supper the Exeter group led in a series of games followed by the service of worship under the leadership of the Goderich C.G.I.T. The Seaforth group provided an excellent musical number. Mrs. D. J. Lane, Girls' Organizations Secretary for the Presbyterial, as guest speaker, delighted the audience with a talk on ''Doors''. Films shown by the Reverend D. G. Campbell on our Indian work in Western Canada were enjoyed by all. This most inspiring and particularly fine rally closed with ''Taps''.

Maitland Presbyterial—At a meeting of the Executive of Maitland Presbyterial held at the manse in Wingham, encouraging reports were made. The annual Presbyterial meeting is to be held in Teeswater in the late spring.

Sarnia Presbyterial — The Presbyterial held its fall rally in the Presbyterian Church, **Thedford,** October 15th. Mrs. P. J. McEwen presided and brought gleanings from the Council Meeting held in Guelph. Members of the Mary and Martha Evening Auxiliary of Strathroy led the devotional services and music was provided by the newly organized **Thedford Mission Band.**

Mrs. C. H. McDougall introduced the guest speaker, Miss Laura K. Pelton, who spoke on the subject ''Is it Worthwhile to Sponsor a Missionary Programme Abroad?''. Miss Pelton gave her hearers a graphic picture of her experiences in our Presbyterian missions throughout Eastern Asia. ''The simple faith and steadfast courage of these people is a challenge to our Church missionary programme.'' ''We are not running a race with communism or any other ism—we are under constraint of God's Word to take the news of His redeeming love to those who have it not.'' At the close of this excellent rally the Thedford ladies served tea.

Stratford Presbyterial—Mrs. J. Erskine, Monkton, was re-elected president of the Presbyterial at the annual meeting held in St. Andrew's Church, **Stratford,** early in January. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. W. Carr. Mrs. A. Hamilton, Atwood, congratulated the auxiliaries for meeting the increased allocation. All reports were gratifying. The Corresponding Secretary, stated that 1950 had been a year of visible advance —there was an increase in membership of 14; three auxiliaries had observed birthdays during the year. Three C.G.I.T. groups and 11 Mission Bands are functioning in the Presbyterial as well as a number of Young Women's Auxiliaries. Avonton with 60 members is the largest Mission Band in the Presbyterial while at Knox Church, Mitchell, a Band has been re-organized. The banner Band is Atwood, showing the largest increase in attendance and offerings—here we have 45 members with an average attendance of 21. In this Band one member has never missed a meeting in ten years and another in eight years.

It was unanimously agreed that Miss Macarthur would visit the Presbyterial from March 26th to April 26th to give instruction in Sunday School and Mission Band Work.

The secretary reported that the exchange of devotional papers was filling the need of many women; as many as 14 papers have been sent out during the year.

As guest speaker, Miss Lily Macarthur spoke on the mission work being done by our Church, both at home and abroad. Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary, spoke briefly on her work. In giving the treasurer's report, Miss Edith Leckie said it was most gratifying as the allocation had been exceeded.

Niagara Presbyterial—Niagara Falls—A friend of Miss Isabel Shaw, Leonard Ave., Niagara Falls has sent a few words of tribute for a ''very wonderful member of our W.M.S. Miss Shaw celebrated her 95th birthday a month or so ago. She is still an active member of the Drummond Auxiliary of the W.M.S. She also collects stamps which she sends to the Bible Society. The passing years have dealt kindly with Miss Shaw. Her mind is keen and her interest in the community and Church affairs continues to be warm and friendly.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston will be held in Tweedsmuir Church, Orangeville, April 24, 25, 26. Anyone wishing a billet please write the billeting secretary, Mrs. Blake Fairburn, Orangeville. Information about transportation may be obtained from Mrs. P. Ranson, 254 Briar Hill Avenue, Toronto 12.

Guelph Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Guelph,** with an attendance of over one hundred. Splendid reports were given by the different secretaries on the year's work, showing an increase in all departments. The allocation was oversubscribed. Mrs. H. S. Reid, Toronto, of Council Executive was the guest speaker and gave a very stirring and unique message on a Loaf of Bread citing how essential it was to all. We must break it up and use it or it would get stale just as we ourselves would if we do not make use of the talents we have. Mrs. Reid conducted the installation of officers for the coming year. Miss Lyla M. Sinclair accepted the Presidency for the third term and asked for greater efforts in the new year, particularly in the education of young people.

Kingston Presbyterial—Mrs. A. E. Toombs, of Campbellford, was guest speaker at the annual Thank-offering meeting of the **Burnbrae** Auxiliary. Mrs. Toombs gave a very interesting talk on her missionary work in India. Four Mission Band girls took part in the service.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MISS JANET L. RILEY, BOX 141, BILLINGS BRIDGE, OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

BROCKVILLE Presbyterial—The Annual meeting of Brockville Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Mountain,** with representatives from eleven auxiliaries present.

The President, Mrs. E. Larsen opened the meeting with a Call to Worship, and the devotional service was led by Mrs. R. Beggs, and Mrs. A. McCrea of South Mountain. Reports were given by the Sectional Presidents, and Mrs. Montgomery the Treasurer, reported that the majority of the auxiliaries had raised their increased allocations, or gone over the top. Mrs. Earl Munro, Corresponding Secretary, gave a condensed report of the highlights of all Auxiliary reports.

Luncheon was served by the Mountain Auxiliary members. Afternoon devotions were taken by Dunbar Auxiliary. The Moderator of Presbytery, Reverend E. Larsen, brought greetings from Presbytery, and after the hearing of Departmental reports, installed the officers elected for the year 1951.

Reverend Mr. MacDonald of Kemptville closed the meeting with prayer.

St. Paul's Auxiliary, **Winchester,** held its Annual ''Family Night'' in November, when the Agnes Glassford Auxiliary, the Goforth Mission Band and the men were guests. The President, Mrs. A. G. Suffel conducted the Devotional period, and the programme was in charge of Mrs. Munro and Mrs. A. Summers.

The Agnes Glassford Auxiliary presented certificates and pins to four Mission Band members and one member received a seal. The guest speaker was Mr. A. Kobayasni, teacher at South Mountain, whose father was a native of Japan. Mr. Kobayasni told of his father's early years in Canada. Mrs. Balkwill thanked the speaker.

Montreal Presbyterial — At the December meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of MacVicar Memorial Church, **Montreal,** the Reverend Quincy A. McDowell, minister of Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church, and Moderator of Montreal Presbytery, installed the officers for the coming year, and gave a most inspirational talk. Members of the Mission Band and Junior Christian Endeavor were present, and sang a number of Christmas Carols, which together with the Moderator's wonderful message brought a spiritual uplift to the whole meeting.

Ottawa Presbyterial—The 37th Annual Meeting of Ottawa Presbyterial was held in St. Giles Church, **Ottawa,** with representatives from Aylmer, Bristol, Fort Coulonge, Gloucester, Hawkesbury, Kars, Kinburn, Manotick, Ottawa: **Knox, St. Andrew's,** D. M. Gordon, St. Giles, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Richmond, Thurso, Torbolton and Vernon Auxiliaries attending.

The President, Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta presided, and recalled the themes stressed at the past three meetings, and explained the 1951 theme ''Believe in the Lord your God.''

Mrs. Harcourt Emra brought greetings from the Synodical Society, and announced that the Annual Meeting would be held in Smiths Falls, on April 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Auxiliary Reports were heard, and the Treasurer reported that all Auxiliaries had met, or exceeded their allocations.

The guest speaker at the evening meeting was Reverend A. E. Toombs, formerly of Barwani, India, who said that we in this country need to get a world vision, to get away from thinking selfishly only of ourselves, and to be concerned about what is happening to our fellow-men, who were not born with our Christian heritage.

Departmental reports were heard the following morning, and the afternoon meeting was addressed by Mrs. A. E. Toombs, who described the duties of the ''Memsahib'', the wife of the missionary. When they went to Barwani, there was not a door open to them, and much time and effort was spent in convincing the Bhils that they were there to help them, but when they left Barwani eighteen years later, there was not a door closed to them. Mrs. Toombs urged all to pray for our missionaries by name, and to support them in every way we can. We can not all go, but we can help to send those who can go.

The newly elected officers were installed in an impressive service, by Mrs. Emra, Synodical President.

Quebec Presbyterial — A sectional meeting of Scotstown and Milan Auxiliaries was held in **Milan,** with the Vice-President Mrs. D. MacArthur presiding. Mrs. Boy gave a report of the Council Meeting with special mention of inspirational addresses. Mrs. George McDonald spoke on the benefits of belonging to the Women's Missionary Society and the reasons given by some, for not joining.

Reports showed allocations met, good attendance at meetings, more members taking part in meetings. Milan, with five active members and two Home-Helpers has ten subscriptions to *Glad Tidings.*

Miss Lily Simpson had addressed meetings in Milan, and Scotstown, one in Scotstown a special meeting for children. This group had also entertained their Home Helpers.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Sherbrooke** held an interesting meeting, when the guest speaker, Mrs. Jacques Smith, told of the work being done among the French-speaking people of the Eastern Townships and Montreal, by her husband, who is minister of the French Protestant Church in Melbourne. Although Reverend Mr. Smith has carried on this work for some time, they did not have their church until 1950. Mrs. Smith said many French people are asking to be taught the truths in the Bible, and spoke of the great need for more workers and more material to work with. She deplored the lack of French books and French Education for Protestants.

SYNODICAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

British Columbia—April 4, 5, 6—in Vancouver.
Manitoba—April 24, 25, 26—in Brandon.
Hamilton and London—April 10, 11, 12—in Sarnia.
Toronto and Kingston—April 24, 25, 26—in Orangeville, (Billeting Secretary, Mrs. Blake Fairburn, Orangeville).
Montreal and Ottawa—April 24, 25, 26—in Smiths Falls.

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TREASURER'S STATEMENT

December 31st, 1950

RECEIPTS:	
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	$10,041.30
Interest on Bonds	450.00
Refund on Council Expenses	40.85
Refund on Deputation Work	30.51
Special Fund contribution for Christian Literature from Dovercourt Road Fidelis Auxiliary, Toronto	50.00
1949 Balance from Cayley Auxiliary, Alberta	39.36
A Friend, ''Mobile Medical Clinic, India''	14.58
Mrs. Thomas Bell, Toronto	10.00
Belmore Sunday School, ''Support of Native Pastor, Formosa''	45.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zinn, ''Support of Native Pastor, Formosa''	30.00
Mr. S. E. Alger, Toronto, ''Overseas Mission Work''	5.00
Special Gift through Calvin, Lilian Heal Auxiliary, Toronto, ''Mobile Medical Clinic, India''	25.00
St. Matthews Young People's Forum, Grand Falls, Newfoundland, ''Korean Work in Japan''	5.81
Mrs. W. H. Pape, Grand Falls, Newfoundland, ''Korean Work in Japan''	10.00
Rent from Missionary	20.00
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	4,500.00
British Columbia, Supplies	37.00
Alberta	4,020.00
Alberta, Supplies	105.00
Saskatchewan	2,330.00
Saskatchewan, Supplies	27.85
Manitoba	3,250.77
Manitoba, Supplies	101.75
Toronto and Kingston	33,375.23
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	645.41
Hamilton and London	23,600.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	241.29
Montreal and Ottawa	12,315.00
Montreal and Ottawa Supplies	75.94
	$95,442.65

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Indian Schools:	
Birtle	$ 179.24
Birtle, Government Grant	3,990.93
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.73
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,485.38
Deaconesses	731.25
Chinese in Canada	1,397.48
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	707.77
Port Work	134.74
National Advance	123.37
St. Margaret's Centre	294.37
Overseas Advance	3,500.00
Overseas Contingency	55.32
Missionaries on furlough	125.00
Student, Mr. Wenchi Kim	45.00
Missionaries' Salaries paid in Canada as requested	225.00
Christian Literature	300.00
Organization	1,101.34
Publication	1,445.32
Life Membership	287.38
Supplies	822.91
Administration	1,734.46
Exchange	12.59
Student	100.00
Miscellaneous Special Gifts	233.60
Hospital Rates for Workers	22.10
Visual Aids	850.00
	$22,071.28

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 425.10
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	204.00
Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere Property	25.00
Estate of Mr. Rettie, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Guelph	1,000.00
Special Gift, Ernest Wylie Permanent Endowment Fund	200.00
Interest	451.50
Special Fund—	
Payment on loan, Shoal Lake Camp	112.00
Sale of Car	1,100.00
Payment on launch	450.00
Payment on Ukrainian Church, mortgage plus interest	195.81
Interest	135.00
	$4,298.41

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pension Fund—	
Refund to worker	$ 39.04
Legacy Fund—	
Equipment, Medicine Hat Training School	135.00
Library, Medicine Hat Training School	33.19
	$ 207.23

(MRS. G. R.) RUTH E. PYE,
Treasurer.

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Hamilton and London

Guelph Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Kitchener. Pres., Miss Jean Cruickshank; Treas., Mrs. Elizabeth Waller; Sec., Miss Cora Hawthorne, 16 Therese St.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Merritton. Pres., Mrs. Charles S. Oke; Treas., Mrs. J. Summers; Sec., Mrs. Hugh Main, 12 Chestnut St.

London Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Bethel. Pres., Miss Margaret Needham; Treas., Miss Betty Donaldson; Sec., Miss Gwen Kennedy, R. R. 2, Ilderton.

Mission Band, Alma Street Church, St. Thomas. Leader, Mrs. J. Fleming, 2 Balfour St., Mrs. R. Calder, 10 Fifth Ave.

Mission Band, Knox Church, St. Thomas. Leader, Mrs. J. A. Stephens, 8 Scott St.

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Church Camps — An Education in Christian Living

BY REVEREND JAMES S. CLARKE, B.A.

OUT of cities and towns and country they come, thousands of Canadian boys and girls, to share in the enjoyable, vigorous, out-of-door life of summer camps in Canada's lakes and forests. Our vacationland, east and west, is dotted with hundreds of holiday camps. Using the summer months with well planned and guided activities, they make new friends, learn new skills, enter into a new kind of community life and grow in the discipline of democratic living. Who could deny to our boys and girls such enjoyment of life, or doubt the educational value of such experiences?

To all of this the Church brings a new dimension. Church camps resemble other camps in many ways—but into this enjoyment, into these healthful, vigorous experiences, the Church brings another element of life—the element of a living faith, and the presence of another person—the Person of Jesus Christ. The new kind of life

Roberts Creek Camp

which is learned at camp becomes an experience in Christian living. Activities are translated into spiritual growth.

The experience of a Church camp is unlike any other experience. It is a school—yet never a school where learning is detached from living. There is worship,—in the morning where alone each gives thanks and asks a blessing for the day,—family worship around the breakfast table,—evening vespers beside the campfire,—and all through the day a remembrance that Christ is in the midst. There is study,—explorations in the Bible, projects in research in the Scriptures, discoveries of the wonderful works of God, and all the while a listening to His voice as His Word becomes alive in this new experience of living. The periods of Bible study are more extended than the Sunday School can provide. Frequently in a summer camp more time is devoted to Bible study than can be provided through twenty weeks in the Sunday School. Christian teaching is related to living. The words of Jesus are translated into Christian living. Boys and girls understand each other, and themselves, in terms of Christian truth and love.

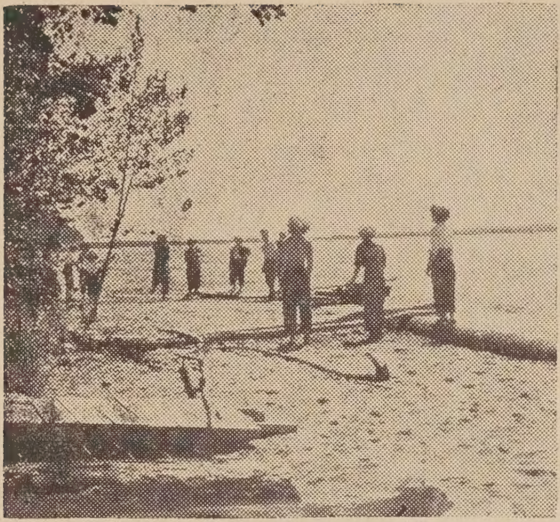
Sky and sea, Thine own creation,
Hymn Thee, Lord in adoration.

Discoveries of God's purpose for life, discoveries of the mission of the Church and of people to whom Christ may be little known, are made in missionary studies and activities. Growth in Christian citizenship, vital experiences in sharing Christian faith with others and in learning the customs and conditions of people in many lands are a most valuable part of the programme of a Church camp.

Study is joined to action in the daily experience of camp. Many boys and girls have read aloud and explained the Scriptures to others for the first time, or led in worship and in prayer. Together they plan a vesper service, present a camp-fire programme and share in creative acts of worship, study and expression of Christian faith and life. It is in this sharing, in these times of Christian activity together that rich spiritual and mental growth takes place.

Learning to give and take, to face troubles and to solve problems in a Christian way will never be easy for young or old. To deal with the problems of community living in Christian love, and to practise genuine forgiveness are opportunities which Church camps give in a unique way. Unselfishness, and concern and responsibility for others, become a part of the daily life of camp. The guidance and counsel of mature and trained Christian leaders provide the inspiration and the discipline of such community living. New

"To become the girl
God would have me be."

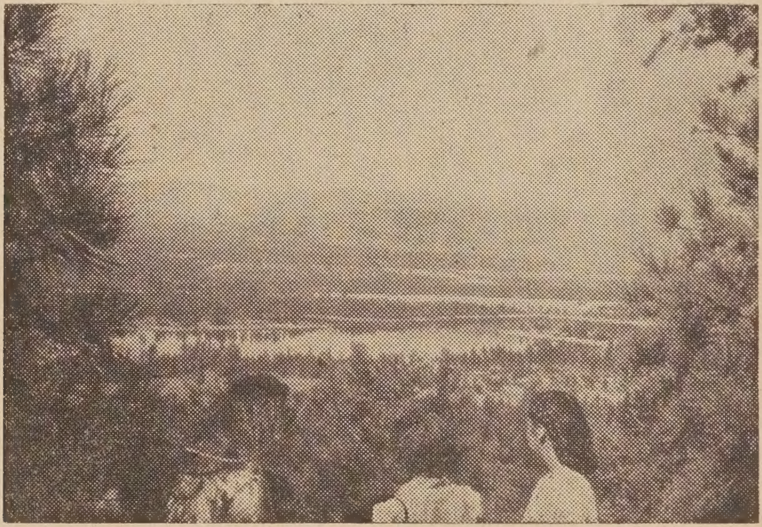


Ring buoy toss,
Camp Kannawin, Alta.

adventures in living are made under the care and security of dependable and understanding leaders.

Handcrafts, music, interest groups, projects and activities teach new skills and develop latent talents. Recreation, sports and bathing provide the healthful use of valuable summer days. A wholesome self-reliance is learned in camp where commercial forms of entertainment are not present and where boys and girls are independent of the easy conveniences of city life. New friendships with Christian young people of other Churches give to boys and girls an experience in the larger fellowship of the Church.

Not only in terms of the Christian growth of these young people can we measure the educational value of our Church camps. New loyalty to the Church and Christian service in the community have been the direct result of camping experiences. Recently I received a letter which told of two



Overlooking Camp Wasa.

"Unto the hills around do I lift up
My longing eyes,
O whence for me shall my salvation come,
From whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
From God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made,"

young teachers who had come to a rural community. They had immediately entered fully into the life of the community and the Church. Both had received their Christian experience in our Church camps. The writer of the letter concluded—"When I see the influence which camps have on our boys, girls and young people I cannot help but feel that they are one of the most important parts of our Church work".

From the Maritimes to British Columbia our Church has twelve valuable camp properties. To these each summer come several hundred boys and girls and young people. In them many consecrated and trained Christian leaders teach and work. From them there comes back into the Church a stream of young eager lives with an experience which they will never forget. They are the richest asset of the Church and to them the Church has an unceasing ministry of teaching.

It Happens Every Day — In the Chinese Centres

IT was a rainy Monday morning in February. Would Fay McTavish be out in this weather to gather up her Chinese kindergartners? She had agreed that I should join her on this particular day, to go with her and see her at work from the beginning of the day. . . . Yes there she was in the shelter of the store doorway. She smiled a greeting and we started her rounds to the homes of her kindergarten children. It was not raining much now—or perhaps we forgot the weather as we spoke about the Chinese work so dear to her heart.

"I'll get Joey's boots on right away." Joey's grandmother bustled about getting the handsome little fellow ready for school. The big dog in the hallway growled at me, I did not know whether I was very welcome. Joey smiled at me when I asked him if his dog would bite. He shook his head, but a little gleam in his eye made me feel that perhaps he would not mind the excitement if the dog took just a little bite.

While the grandmother hunted for Joe's hat, she told the details of her husband's death the week

Miss Fay McTavish

before. It had been sudden—a heart attack. Miss McTavish listened sympathetically and the lady seemed glad to be able to talk about it.

Tony was waiting on the street corner with his grandfather. Miss McTavish had phoned ahead to say she was on her way. He didn't have his mitts on. The grandfather explained that he had to dress Tony because his mother had the flu, and that the mitts just could not be found. Tony saw to it that at least one hand was covered by Miss McTavish's as he stayed close to her while we made a short journey by street car to the next port of call.

Pastor Kan, leader of Chinese Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

Off the street car we tumbled—and that is literally true for Tony missed his hold on his guiding hand and started head first out the door. In the general scramble to save the fall, we all slipped around in a subway-muddy street. No one was any the worse. Tony looked at us and grinned and silently consented to let me be his guide.

A gentle knock at the next door seemed like a secret signal, for immediately it opened and there was a little Chinese lady, and I do mean a lady—she was standing as straight and tall as her four years allowed, a gracious smile on her face, her arm outstretched and on the very point of her finger hung a pair of mitts—for Tony. Once again the telephone had been active.

One by one they were called for. From over stores, from basement homes where the children seemed to be just pushed out of the doorway so very close to the street, from small homes which face on alleys, the children stepped out ready for their day at the Chinese kindergarten. They were all happy-looking children, and were well dressed for their walk in the miserable weather. Every child wanted to be next to their friend and teacher. Miss McTavish smiled when I asked her how she managed this social problem. "It happens every day," she said. "They just work it out for themselves." The real problem to me was to get all of them across the wide avenue. Tony just could not walk any faster—his boots were too heavy. But every morning Miss McTavish shepherds her long string of small proteges across the busy thoroughfares.

Finally, we reached the Chinese Institute. All our Chinese work is centred there except the Sunday School which meets in Cooke's Church. Then there was the ceremony of getting all the wet overclothes off and making certain that no one had wet feet. By this time Tony and I had become good friends and he showed his confidence by making a silent appeal for help with the complicated suit which seemed to be crossed in every direction with zippers and bore a strong resemblance to a parachutist costume. Now I understood why he landed head up on his flight from the street car. I am not sure that being a zipper mechanic is one of the stated qualifications for a children's worker but I would fear that in these days of intricate children's apparel that it might become one. Certainly I have great admiration for the patience our workers display in this very necessary part of each day's work. It is all a part of the job they are doing—a job in which every detail of the day's activities must give each child a feeling of security, and a knowledge that he is cared for by people who love him. He in return is taught through the various details of the school's activity to live and work in harmony with others.

Mrs. Kan

And so the day went on. You are familiar with the routine of kindergarten work. I never fail to marvel as I watch the proceedings, at the knowledge which the small child accumulates in kindergarten. All learning is related to God—and His creation of the things the child knows and cares for. The love of God for little children is also taught through the various lessons—but perhaps most of all through the attitude of the supervisor to each child. Miss Fay McTavish and Miss Irene Kong in Toronto, Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie in Montreal; Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Susan Yeung and Miss Annie Wilson in Vancouver, Miss Gertrude Scott and Miss Grace Lee in Victoria, give themselves unreservedly that their charges may know a loving Heavenly Father.

Children's work is not all of the work done among the Chinese. Not long ago Miss Matthews and I attended the women's auxiliary. It was a special occasion. They were welcoming their new pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kan. A feeling of warm fellowship was predominant in the meeting. An observer—even one who knew not the language could realize that these Chinese ladies make their meeting a witness to their faith in the Christian way of life. They have many problems among them. The situation in China is giving them much concern. Immigration laws now allowing more Chinese to come to Canada means that there is much to be done to make them happy here, and a part of our way of life. In order to refresh your memory on the work being carried on in our Chinese centres to-day here are a few excerpts from annual reports.

M.E.W.

Miss Irene Kong, Toronto

AS you are aware, I have been in the work here for three years, and have enjoyed the work very much, especially the opening up of the young minds to the love of Jesus, our Saviour. This has been my chief ambition to see them all have a knowledge of Him, Who loved little children. We had 9 children graduate this summer on the 27th of June. We also had summer school during the month of July.

Miss Irene Kong

Miss Grace Lee, Victoria

I taught the night school with Reverend M. F. Leung five days in the week. There were 35 pupils on the roll. They came to school and Sunday School very regularly. I taught them Chinese reading, writing, Bible stories and to sing Chinese hymns. They were divided into four classes, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. for juniors and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. for senior pupils. In August there were 16 children in my summer school Bible Class. It was five days in the week. The class opened from 10 a.m. to 12 o'clock every day. I went to visit the families by myself in the afternoon.

Mrs. G. P. Louie, Montreal

The activities of the W.M.S. Auxiliary during the past year included two special teas following our monthly meeting; one in January to open the year and one on Thanksgiving in our new church. We had two speakers, Reverend Paul Chan and the Reverend D. A

Smith. When there was no speaker, I usually gave the sermon in Chinese to the ladies. During the time of "World Prayer", our auxiliary also held a special service.

The total collection for 1950 amounted to $72.20 of which $50.00 has been sent to the General Fund. Ten dollars was given toward the new church due to the high cost of maintenance.

Visiting for me this year included some very pitiful scenes. In March there was a great disastrous fire here in Montreal's Chinatown. One of my former kindergarten students lost both her mother and young aunt in this inferno while her father was severely burned. Over thirty were hospitalized for a long period due to the numerous fractures and severe burns. My daughter and I, along with Reverend Paul Chan, Miss Judd, our auxiliary secretary and her husband drove in my husband's car to visit those in hospitals and those grieved by lost ones. We carried clothing, fruits, and comforting words to all of them.

Miss Muriel E. Judd, Montreal

The year 1950 was indeed an outstanding one in the history of the work among the Chinese in Montreal done by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, for it marked the opening and dedication of our new Church and Community Centre—the fulfilment of a dream of long standing. We are so happy to have this splendid building in which to carry on our work, and it is our prayer that it will prove to be an open door through which many will be received into the Kingdom of God.

The building was formally opened on June 11th, during the time that the General Assembly was meeting in Montreal. On a beautiful June day, about 250 people gathered for the dedication service. Many of them had to be accommodated in the gymnasium downstairs, to which a public address system carried the service. We were privileged to have the new Moderator of the General Assembly taking part, Reverend F. Scott Mackenzie, D.D.

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Vancouver

Miss Yeandle reports continuous growth and interest in all age groups. At the impressive ceremony of graduation in June, there was an attendance of over 200. The address was given by the Chinese Consul-General and the certificates were presented by Madame Wei.

Fifty Chinese women joined in the service of the World Day of Prayer. Our women took their part with the other Chinese women of the district.

Fees received from the kindergarten have been sufficient to pay an honorarium to a part-time assistant and to take care of the kindergarten expenses.

Samaritan to Shut-Ins

BY MRS. W. B. LEATHERDALE

Jesus said:

"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."

Mindful that Jesus' ministry was mainly to individuals, your hospital visitor in Montreal goes forth from hospital to hospital, ward to ward, bed to bed, endeavouring to bring cheer and to witness to God's healing grace. Men, women and children are included in my ministration which is under the direction of the Presbytery of Montreal, The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Some twenty-four institutions have been contacted and visiting is more frequent in some than in others, depending upon the number to be visited and their need. Credentials were furnished by the kindness of the Clerk of Presbytery and from the outset I was convinced that the seal of our church carries weight. In each hospital, English, French, Jewish—all alike, I was received cordially; given a tour; introduced to nursing supervisors and the nurse in charge of various wards and given a pass to visit patients, who are shown on the hospital's list as Presbyterians. However, in hospitals where the patient's denomination is not filed, except as Roman Catholic, Hebrew or Protestant, I am privileged to visit all Protestants.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale

Your worker goes to the bedside of many nationalities: Chinese, Negroes, Japanese, French, Italian, Displaced Persons, and natives of the British West Indies. One is made aware what a cosmopolitan city this is!

We can be grateful for the fine piece of work being done in Montreal by our Chinese, Italian and French Mission Centres of our Presbyterian Church in Canada. A number of patients visited attend these mission centres.

Repeat visits were made to a number of Chinese patients who were severely burned and injured in a tragic fire that swept Chinatown, shortly after I began my work.

It never ceases to amaze me, that in all the universe of God that there are no two souls alike! One's heart is filled with compassion and one is ever mindful that each one is the object of God's affection and that by pulling the right heart-string there will be a response to the love and interest shown by the hospital visitor for the patient's well-being.

A patient said to me one day. "This ward is a cathedral. I have witnessed lessons in living and found more Christianity in practical demonstration than I have ever experienced in my church home." There is a true neighbourliness in the heart of one patient toward another. Faced with the realities of life, one cherishes friendships more than ever. One recognizes, too, that affection, goodwill and love are main things.

One day, upon leaving the sick room of a friendless, well-to-do, Chinese Christian, who had come from an Ontario city, a hospital orderly overtook me in the corridor and remarked: "Lady, I don't know who you are, but you are the first visitor I've seen come to him. Thank you for your kindness and for anything you can do for him; he is so ill and suffers with such patience". Later the Reverend Paul Chan being acquainted with his countryman's need, brought further comfort.

One is made humble and challenged often by the patience, faith and courage of patients, particularly those who know that they are sick unto death. They are sustained in the assurance that underneath and around are the arms of love and in Jesus' own words, "Lo, I am with you alway . . . .".

The information clerk in one of the larger city hospitals who is of another faith, triumphantly ejaculated one day: "Now I know what you are doing. You are a Samaritan to shut-ins; I read about it in a current magazine—I think it is wonderful!" Quite overcome, I learned later, that she referred to a write-up about friendly visitors to shut-ins in an American city.

Along with hospital visiting, I have addressed Women's Missionary Society groups about my work. I have found many "friendly visitors" within the Presbyterial membership. They visit the sick and shut-in members of their congregations, respectively; they take over in follow-up work into the home when my contact with the patient in hospital ceases, and they have co-operated with me in my visits to the Protestant Home for the Aged.

In addition to help received from W.M.S. groups the congregation and Sabbath School of one of the Presbyterian Churches in Westmount, made all their white gift offerings at Christmas available for my work. It was like manna from heaven! In all there were gifts and food stuff, sufficient to distribute to the Old People's Home, the young patients of the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children and for the patients on my visiting list in the various hospitals. Many hearts were cheered. All were grateful receivers.

Christian literature fills a great need in my visiting. It is received eagerly. Several Bibles have been presented. *The Great Physician* leaflet is freely distributed. Cheer is bespoken in the acceptance of booklets bearing such titles as: *Cheer Along The Way, My Companion for Quiet Times* and *In The Garden of Cheer.* Children love the *ABC's About Jesus* and *Jesus Our Best Friend.* All selections are carefully chosen and supplied through the Literature Secretary, Miss Louise Reith.

Visits are made to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children on a Sunday afternoon. It is the most acceptable time as these patients have study routine and school throughout the week days, along with hospital treatment. Gifts for them, particularly at festal seasons, such as Sunday School lesson leaflets, scrap-books and treats, etc., have been provided from various children's groups within the churches.

Children are visited in other hospitals. One prays for the day when science will have a cure for cancer. It is heartrending to see anyone, especially a child, victim of cancer. I think of three, so very young, taken with the malignant disease. One lad, ten years old, bravely lived through six months of suffering. We became great friends. From many sources, I received stamps for his collection, one of a few interests he maintained. I would tell him of the missionaries in far-off Japan, whose letters brought me some; of a patient now home in Barbados, British West Indies, after successful eye surgery; the W.M.S. Auxiliary of the Italian Mission; a Dutch immigrant girl and a friend, who had been a patient and was at one time a missionary to Formosa—all interested in him and wanting to help cheer his days in adding to his stamp collection. In the quietness of his cubicle, one day, he said: "Thank you, 'Auntie' Leatherdale, for the books you have given me. . . . I liked the story about Jesus on the Cross'." Knowing of the suffering of his Saviour, it helped to make his own easier to bear. Though very young he was wise beyond his years. He shared all that he received with other patients and was a favourite with all who met him.

It is ever a joy to visit young mothers and welcome the new babies. If the parent is a newcomer to the city or if for any reason has not as yet, become a church member, she and the father think upon it and of their baby they would like to have baptized. They seek counsel of the hospital visitor.

There is no substitute for the minister's visit. While the Presbytery of Montreal has no chaplain doing full-time hospital visiting, the ministers do a fine piece of work in calling upon the sick of their congregations respectively, in hospitals and homes, if they know of illness.

At the same time there is a big field of work for your hospital visitor to cover in this metropolis. At every bedside there is a new interest and need to be met.

Montreal is a great medical centre that draws patients from long distances for surgery and hospital treatment. One sees many wonderful results from surgery and medical skill—in patients made well. One thanks God for His gifts to man.

On the other hand one is struck by the large number suffering nervous disorders. Doctors find nothing organically wrong; the trouble is mental and spiritual. They are passing on the sickness of their minds and their souls to their bodies. The need is Christ. Jesus healed human minds, human souls.

''The healing of His seamless dress
Is by our beds of pain;
We touch Him in life's throng and press
And we are whole again.''

From the Annual Report of the Deaconess Department

TO write of the work of the Deaconess Department of our Society means to write about a wide variety of service. Congregational work, serving on the vans, children's work, port work, hospital visiting, Superintendent of St. Margaret's Girls' Centre are all incorporated in the words: "Deaconess Department." From the annual reports of the workers in these areas, we would like to try to piece together for you a picture of what they do.

Congregational work is the term we have used to describe what Margaret Allan, Margaret Boyd, Agnes Hislop (part of last year), and Marjorie MacKay do for our Society. Their work may be done in one congregation, or they may help in several. For instance, Miss Allan is in Hamilton and does deaconess work for two churches there. Miss MacKay was in Lethbridge for a part of the year and later in Kootenay Presbyterial in British Columbia. Agnes Hislop, for the part of the year she was in this type of service, moved about often in Manitoba. Margaret Boyd served in two mission churches in Calgary. They all help in the organizations in the area to which they are assigned, that is: starting or helping to maintain girls', children's and older groups, and assisting in the Sunday School. That is not all, but let us quote from Margaret Boyd's report:

"The enrolment in the Sunday School (Chalmers, Calgary) has doubled since the first of the year and the increase has been most noticeable since church services were started. In September, a

Teacher Training class was started in co-operation with Pleasant Heights and North Hill churches, with the deaconess (Miss Boyd) instructing teachers in the Primary department. Early in the year a woman's group was organized and attendance at the monthly meetings has shown a gradual increase. . . . An Explorer Group was organized in the spring and it has been an active and enthusiastic group which has more than doubled in size since its organization. The Mission Band too, has increased considerably. A C.G.I.T. group was started and though small in numbers, promises to be an active and helpful organization in the church. Assistant leaders have given help in these groups. . . . In the summer months, a Daily Vacation Bible School was held for one week. Ninety children were enrolled and we had an average attendance of seventy-five with five teachers and helpers. Visitation has been continued in the homes of the Sunday School children and in the new homes in the district."

Miss Boyd gave leadership at Pleasant Heights Church as well as all this work at Chalmers. In addition to Vacation Schools, she led and directed girls' camps. She also represented the Church at inter-church meetings in Calgary.

We have quoted Miss Boyd, but each of the other deaconesses in this type of work, tells the same story.

Children's Work

"Crash! 'Jerry, we do not sit on ironing boards; you do not sit on your mother's ironing board at home do you?'

'My mother hasn't got any,' says Jerry, 'she uses the kitchen table and I sit on it.'

Woe is me, what can one do? At any rate, Jerry and the teacher had a little chat all about ironing boards and what they are really for. Jerry sat and thought about the matter for a few moments and then approached the teacher: 'I won't sit on the ironing board any more 'cause its broken.'

This is just one of the many amusing if not exhausting incidents of a morning in our Nursery School. There is indeed never a dull moment and plenty of material for a thesis or a book, if anyone has the time.

. . . The regular Nursery School programme of play, routines, music and story circles and some creative and group activity keep busy fingers and active minds occupied and happy. In all our activity, we are seeking to show the love of God in the realm of experiences of the child. It is lovely to see the implicit trust in God and the love possessed by the small child. We must nurture this and make it a part of their very lives." Thus writes Margaret MacKenzie of Tyndale House Nursery School.

Miss MacKenzie superintends C.G.I.T. and this group in 1950 was the only Presbyterian Chevron group in the city of Montreal and district. She also assists with the Mission Band, the choir at Tyndale House, the Sunday School. She conducts a handcraft group for girls from 9-12 years every Friday afternoon and last year she helped to organize an Explorers group. In the summer months, the W.M.S. deaconess assists at the Tyndale House camp.

In Vancouver, Miss Catherine Watson is in charge of the nursery school and Miss Ross, for the early part of the year, then Miss Ripley, in charge of senior groups. Much the same type of work is done there, except that the Children's Centre there is much more the "centre" of activity for the whole district. For example, Miss Watson writes: "The Children's Centre is becoming more widely known in the city, especially among the young people as the Synod's Young People's Executive are meeting here monthly. Fairview Young People had a party here and the Westminster Presbytery young people held their Christmas Fireside here." The deaconesses in Vancouver take a very active part in Central Presbyterian Church and in Presbyterial activities.

At the Children's Centre, Vancouver

St. Margaret's Centre

St. Margaret's Centre is a home for girls in the city of Toronto. Mrs. J. McPhee is in charge of this home which gives teen-age girls who, for various reasons, have been deprived of family privileges, the sense of security which only a home can give.

Mrs. McPhee writes:

"This year has been a very happy and successful one for St. Margaret's. From January till the end of June, we had seven girls in residence and all of them passed their school examinations at the end of the term. They attended Church, Sunday School and C.G.I.T. regularly all year. One of our girls got a prize for best all-round girl for the year.

"Life in the residence includes school and home work, Church and Sunday School, recreation and freedom to discuss the things which are important to adolescents, happy meal-times, short periods of worship, and sharing household activities. So, day by day, through the helpful therapy of group living and the security of a normal home life, under Christian influences, the girl who came in disturbed and upset emotionally, can go from here healed and strengthened, having a better understanding of herself and better equipped to face the pressures of life and to make her own contribution as a responsible, happy citizen.

"At Christmas time, the girls were all here together and had a bounteous dinner. They each received gifts from their own agencies and friends, also books, a Bible and hymn book from the W.M.S. In addition they were remembered by W.M.S. auxiliaries in the city of Toronto West Presbyterial and by several Sunday Schools."

. . . .

We have tried to give you a brief glimpse of what is going on now in these various parts of your Society's activities. We did not mention the mission of the vans, but would refer you to stories that have appeared in recent issues of *The Glad Tidings*. Miss Agnes Hislop worked with a van in Red Deer Presbytery from spring until the end of December. With her was Miss Agnes McLeod, a student deaconess. Miss Isabel Scott was in charge of the Saskatchewan van. With her was Miss Flora Whiteford, another student deaconess. Next month we hope to give you an up-to-date account of the remainder of our National Work.

Miss Irene Joe

Miss Joe assisted in the World Day of Prayer radio broadcast, by preparing and reading the prayer. We are happy to give you her prayer here, in print.

MISS Irene Joe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shung, is one of the younger members of the Chinese community in Ottawa, the city of her birth. She has three brothers and two sisters, and all have received their Christian education at the Ottawa Chinese Mission and Christian Association, and the Dominion United Church

Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Joe, the parents of a gifted family, have been loyal members and supporters of the Mission since coming to Canada some thirty years ago.

Miss Joe is a born leader, a member of Chalmers United Church, a human dynamo of energy, with a magnetic personality. She is active in the Young People's group which meets regularly at the Mission, and for some years has been a teacher in the Sunday School there, recently taking a class composed of several of the Chinese children who have come to Ottawa from China in the last few years. She was a leader at the Ottawa C.G.I.T. camp one season, and looks forward to more such experiences in the future. After taking a business course, following her graduation from Lisgar Collegiate, she took a position in the office of a real estate company, and now is a full-fledged realtor, making a typically Irene Joe success of the venture.

Irene is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ottawa Chinese Mission, and from her own experience and fine mind and spirit, is a splendid interpreter of the Chinese young people and their needs to the Board as a whole.

Prayer

Dear God, we acknowledge Thee as the Heavenly Father of all People. We come to Thee with thanksgiving for the great gift of Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, through whose coming the place of woman has been transformed. Help us to use this power to Thy glory, and purify our selfish motives. Forgive us for our wickedness and create in us the perfect goodness. We are truly thankful for this golden opportunity to gather together from many Nations for this World Day of Prayer. Bind us together as a mighty force for the establishment of Thy Kingdom.

We pray for the people of all the nations know
that there are many millions who have not yet l many
messengers may go forth with glad tidings of many
Christians to speak Thy Word, Thy Truth, ev hould
prove costly. Help us to understand each otl n our
judgment of one another.

We pray for the leaders of the United N g for
peace. Make them strong in mind and guide t Jse us
also greatly to this end so that Brotherhood t the
whole world.

Make us conserve world wide peace that sway
in the hearts of men. Banish all our doubts. Gi which
casteth out all fears. May the love of Christ re e that
love to others, and in so doing, draw us clos Thee.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature

BY LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

HAVE you sometimes wondered, as you read the list of grants in the Christian Literature Estimates, just what IS this Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, to which, starting in 1944, our W.M.S. grant was Fifty Dollars, and which we have increased in the succeeding years until now, in 1951, our contribution has grown to Five Hundred Dollars? That is a goodly sum of money, representing much individual giving, often at real personal self-denial, among all our members everywhere, who together make up the grand total of our W.M.S. Budget each year, and I feel sure that you will be interested to know what is actually being accomplished with this money, and why it is being expended through this particular Committee.

First of all, it is good to realize that this is a thoroughly interdenominational Committee, whose membership is drawn from sixty denominations in the United States and Canada, and that, through our yearly grants to it, the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, has become one of a group of co-operating missionary organizations supporting the work, and profiting by the vision, of this important Committee, which belongs to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Within the last few months, this latter has become the Division of Foreign Missions in the National Council of Churches, and is studying and working upon the missionary obligation of the Church in the light of the present world crisis, with the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature one of the most far-reaching mediums in aiding mission-sponsored literacy campaigns, and following them with quantities of sorely-needed Christian literature in the many languages of the world. Indeed, this Committee acts very much in the rôle of a world clearing-house for

Christian literature needs and opportunities.

This Committee first came into being in 1936, as a direct result of Dr. Laubach's pleading for organized help for "the silent billion" of the world, whom he knew to be totally illiterate, helpless, and in desperate need of understanding and aid from the Christian peoples of the world. Previous to this, Dr. Laubach, that consecrated Apostle of Literacy, as he is so truly called, had been carrying pretty much alone the load of trying to give the gift of literacy to these needy ones throughout the world, with only such individual help as he could interest — travelling, teaching, pleading, and always finding, with his special Literacy Charts, that even the most unenlightened and primitive people in almost every part of the globe, could not only be taught to read, but were pitifully eager for the chance to learn and to lift themselves out of bondage and into the light of knowledge. With the formation of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, all the denominations became vitally and actively interested, and both their efforts and funds were wisely coordinated to the most far-reaching use. Dr. Laubach was formally appointed Special Counseller and Representative, and official Missionary-At-Large for the Committee, and now his transportation and expenses are paid as he goes into the needy and distant parts of the world, introducing his amazingly-simple Literacy Charts in more than ninety languages and dialects, and supervising Literacy Campaigns, which are very often started at the urgent request of the Government authorities themselves. Since Dr. Laubach's work first began, it is estimated that he has started at least fifty million people to read and to know the Gospel message for themselves.

"We've got to explain Christianity and democracy to the people in the people's own language. We must provide books and reading matter by the million, for literacy can mean evangelism at its most effective and highest point," says Dr. Laubach. And that is exactly what our money is helping to do as it is sent out through the studied guidance of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, whose headquarters are in New York City. There, it has become, literally, a wide-spread Intelligence Centre, to which, from all the foreign fields, news of literacy and literature needs of every type and kind come pouring in, and from which, these urgent requirements are apportioned to the different cooperating Churches and Boards, according as funds are available. For presentation to the home churches, a close study is made of all world needs in literature and literacy—on a world-vision scale which would be an impossibility for any denomination to attempt individually—and all funds received by the Committee are allocated on the direct recommendation of local authorities on the needs in the various lands, so that every race and creed is equally and wisely served, and there is no danger of overlapping, duplication or discrimination. Thus, through the work and interpretation of the Committee, an honest, over-all picture is presented always of the world-wide needs and opportunities which are before the Christian Church in the teaching of literacy and supplying of Christian literature, and funds can always be channeled where most urgently required.

In conference with the member Boards, A. D. Moore, Executive Secretary of the Committee, approves and decides upon the use of available resources to meet such world literature needs, but often contributions are designated by the donors for some particular mission field, or some individual work in which they are particularly interested, and these instructions are always fulfilled by the Committee, if possible at all. That is, indeed, what we have always done ourselves when sending in our Annual grant. Because our Board has been keenly aware of the tremendous need for Christian literature in Korea and Japan, your Secretary has always requested that our grant be evenly divided, and used to supply Christian literature in Korea and Japan; and to help in providing paper for the printing of Christian publications in Japan. In reply to which, Mr. Moore writes—''Nowhere in the world is a Christian Literature Programme carrying a heavier responsibility than in Korea and Japan, where Christians are using Christian literature to save their people from atheism and violence. We must not fail them at this time, when Christian literature can give to them the vision of hope and a better way of life. This is a very wise use for the money of your grant. Your gift will help to meet this challenge in these lands where people are more literature-hungry and more needy than ever before.''

Acute paper shortages are reported from many areas of the world and Japan is one of these. Recently a request from there asked the Committee for 242 tons of paper, seriously needed, and costing at prices then, $109,572. With the receipt of this, it was hoped to publish 50,000 each of five kinds of pamphlets dealing with Communism; 200,000 copies of a weekly paper for children; tracts on home and family life; Bible Commentaries and monthly publications for Bible study. In the next three years, the plan is to publish a million copies of the Hymnal—some 300,000 each year; and to publish a translation of Bate's ''Religious Liberty''; 3,000 in the first edition, of which 1,000 are to be sold, and 2,000 presented to outstanding leaders of all professions, and to the Imperial families. Also many more pamphlets explaining the New Testament to new readers. Isn't it fine to realize that our grants have been helping with this worthwhile Programme—also, through Special Grants made from time to time with the supplying of the Testaments and Hymnals themselves?

To our Board there came, last November, from the Committee, an especially touching "Special Asking For Korea", and this is the story behind it. After forty years of being forbidden, during the Japanese occupation, to either read or write in their own language, since 1945, this book-hungry people, Koreans and Missionaries working together, had established a Christian Literature Society, in a good building of its own; a book store doing a thriving business in Christian literature; and laid a firm beginning for a balanced literature Programme. In 1949-50, they published about fifty books a year; devotional material for pastors and leaders; literature for youth; magazines for women and children; popular reading matter and literature for new readers; as well as publishing a fine Hymnal containing some 600 Hymns, approved by all denominations, and entirely the work of the Koreans themselves, who are a singing people. Then, just a few months ago, came the devastating fire. The Christian Literature Society Building was burned to its fireproof shell, and the whole stock of materials destroyed, including the precious Hymnals, which would cost at least $10,000 to replace. Word of the tragedy and the urgent need was immediately flashed to the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, and from it went out at once appeals to the co-operating Societies.

Wrote Mr. Moore—"105,000 copies of Christian Literature were destroyed in the C.L.S. fire, when the Communists were expelled from Seoul. Two of the five Boards at work in Korea have already committed themselves to their share of financial help. On the strength of that, we have our printer all ready to go with the Hymnals. The size of the edition depends on the generosity of the Boards in response to this appeal. We want the Hymnals to go out to Korea on the first available boat. Here is something you can do to help a suffering Christian community, after a terrible experience of persecution and property loss. Won't you let us know how much you can contribute?" Fortunately, through Special Gifts sent in to your Secretary for Christian Literature throughout the year, there were some funds available, and a Special Grant of

$200 was our answer to this urgent need.

This is typical of the many requests which are constantly being received by this Committee. From all over the world they come—from Africa, India and Pakistan; Japan, Korea, the East Indies and the Philippines; from Latin America and the Moslem lands—all asking for help, encouragement and support. New fields are being opened up for literacy; help is greatly needed where active campaigns are swelling in size and extent; money is urgently needed to purchase paper for printing and for the distribution of new material; for Sunday School Lessons; Hymn Books; Bible Portions; Books and periodicals for adults and children, newly literate and educated adult readers; as well as for financing Dr. Laubach's work, and providing salaries for literacy and literature workers in all the fields. The Committee is now co-operating with American Bible Society in a plan which takes illiterates all the way from a beginning Literacy campaign to the ability to read the New Testament, and which leads eventually to the Bible as an open book for all. In one year alone, through the efforts and guidance of the Committee, $38,000 went to Africa; $33,985 to China; $34,000 to India and Pakistan; $14,000 to Japan; $25,000 to Korea, and almost $16,000 to the River Platte Area in Latin America—all in answer to special appeals for help in the spread of literacy, and the supplying of Christian literature. In that year, too, $8,000 was used to finance Dr. Laubach's remarkable crusade in North Africa.

''Supplying Christian literature continues to be the most urgent problem in our mission campaigns,'' writes Mr. Moore. ''The great pity is that much as we receive, our funds must be spread so thinly over the entire globe. When we allocated to the fields this year, desperate appeals from eleven countries were before us—and especially from Japan and India.'' A printing press needed for West Africa; book subsidies for Buenos Aires; literacy charts for Latin American, Africa and India; tons of paper required for the Christian presses in India and Pakistan; to print tracts and Hymnals in Japan; 20 tons asked for Korea alone; heavy shipping charges to be met—the needs are endless! Don't you think it is a privilege to help, even a little, in so magnificent an effort—in this world-wide battle for the minds of men? That is what we are doing through the grants we send to the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature, and I'm sure no money we spend could reach a more wide-spread and manifold need.

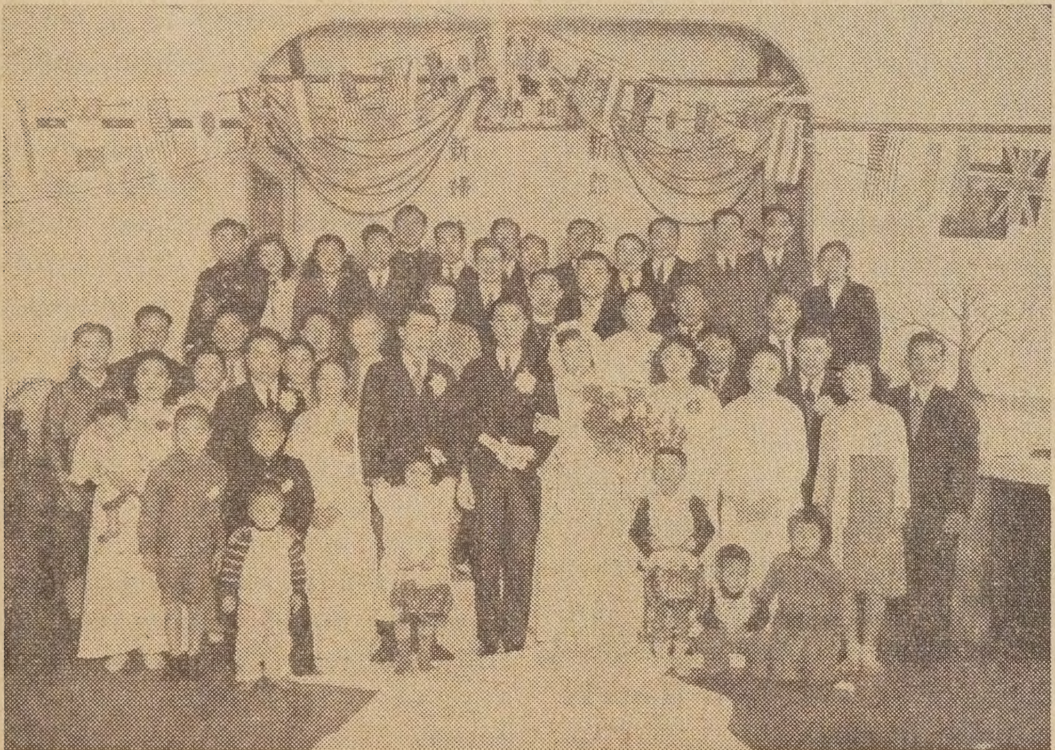
Korean Wedding

WE all love romance and particularly when it is the kind of romance which ends in wedding bells. The wedding picture you see here tells a story which is of interest to us because it is connected with a Church in Japan in which we have a great interest.

Mr. Wenchi Kim told the story. The wedding took place in the church of which he is minister. (You will remember that Mr. Kim is now in Toronto studying in a divinity course. He plans to return to Japan to work among his own people, the Koreans, just as soon as his course here is finished.)

The bride is a factory worker, a Christian and a member of a family interested in the progress of the Christian Church among the Koreans. Her mother is standing just behind her and to the right. She is a devout Christian woman whose faith in prayer has been well fulfilled even in the performance of this wedding ceremony. ''She is a great worker in the Korean Church in Japan,'' Mr. Kim stated.

Usually the bride holds the centre of interest in a wedding—but in this wedding most of the people you see pictured here were rejoicing because of the changed state of the bridegroom. He once was a thief. Here is the story as Wenchi Kim told it. ''The groom's brother is a deacon in my Church.'' (He is standing third from the groom's left.) ''He came to me one day and said 'I am ashamed to tell



you this but my brother is not a Christian, in fact, he is a thief.' "

"That is all right," Mr. Kim told him, "we will all pray for him and I will go to see him." So Wenchi Kim called on the young man and invited him to his home. The deacon, Mr. Kim and others in the church prayed every day that this young man would understand the Christian teaching and feel called to give himself to Christ. He became interested in church activities and learned to play the organ. "He is a good organist," asserted Wenchi Kim. As he attended church activities he felt the effect of prayers made on his behalf, and allowed himself to be instructed in the Christian faith. At the church he met an attractive young Korean girl. A friendship grew and as it grew, the girl's mother added her prayers to the others. The result you see before you. A Christian wedding, with a beautiful Christian bride and a handsome Christian groom making their vows before their family and friends in the new church in Osaka.

The groom is now finishing High School and Mr. Kim thinks he may be going to college in the fall. "How does he afford all this?" we asked, thinking of our high cost of everything including education. "He is working and pays his own way," Mr. Kim answered. Another question; "Is the groom's brother very wealthy? Has he a good job in Osaka?"

"He works for the city of Osaka. He works in the garbage collecting department."

"Then, would you mind telling me about the clothes they are wearing? They are really very elegant. Are such clothes cheap in Japan?"

"Oh, no," laughed Wenchi Kim. "They are borrowed. That is the common practice among the Koreans. They borrow their apparel for big parties." He drew attention then to the two boys at the back who are dressed in uniform. "They are college students. Students always wear uniforms because it is more economical for everyone to be in the same dress."

"Are they training to be soldiers as well as studying the regular courses?"

"No," Mr. Kim replied. "Their uniform is similar to a soldier's but they are not taking military training."

We would like to draw your attention to Reverend Paul and Mrs. Rumball standing back of the bridal couple. The minister who performed the ceremony, Mr. Chun, is minister of the Korean Church in Kyoto. He is standing in the second row between the bride and groom. Mr. Chun is a naturalized Korean. He was born Japanese but has given his life to service among the Korean people in Japan. Back of him and to the right is Reverend Mr. Oh, Moderator of The Korean Church in Japan. M.E.W.

THE MacKAY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, TAIPEH, TAIWAN

Dear Friends:

IT is a long time since I wrote any thing about the work here in the hospital, but each day so much resembles the day before that we feel that there is nothing exciting to write about. . . . We do feel that since Dr. Dale's arrival that the medical care of patients has been bettered to a great extent. . . . With Dr. Fotland doing surgery, our surgical cases have also increased and he advises the obstetrician and gynecologist on difficult cases with very gratifying results. Having Miss Fitje come to help with the supervision and care of patients has been a great boon as she has a great deal of experience both in surgery and obstetrics and has (training in) midwifery. . . . She also, as does Dr. Fotland, speaks very good Mandarin and so can handle difficult problems with the Mandarin-speaking people. These problems are numerous as they are all uprooted from their own homes and are unsettled. Miss Waapeno helps with the supervision on the medical wards but a great deal of her time is spent in conducting Bible classes among youth which is the type of work she really prefers. Mrs. MacMillan continues to take charge of supplies and is kept very busy with that work as supplies are more difficult to obtain.

So much for the foreign members of the staff. Our faithful Bible Woman, U-Koa continues teaching the patients and members of staff and never seems to weary of telling the story of Salvation over and over again or of teaching people to read so that they can read the Word by themselves. She also helps prepare applicants for baptism. We now have a Mrs. Go who does follow-up work among the patients discharged from the hospital. She too is very busy and one of the fruits of her labours is that she was asked to start a Sunday

Miss Waapeno, Nurse A-bang, Miss Hermanson and three doctors in hospital courtyard.

School in a district where there is no church. She calls at the hospital once or twice a week to meet patients and to let them know that she will call on them when they are discharged. Last year we also were fortunate to procure one of the young graduates from the theological college. He does full time work in the hospital, teaching the patients, holding services in the wards taking charge of the Wednesday morning staff prayer meeting and teaching a Bible class for the members of the staff.

Our nursing staff has increased to forty-one and our work increases. Last year three nurses graduated and all remained on the staff. Painting of the wards goes on as money permits and we do enjoy having the wards brighten up. A service room for the men's surgical ward was arranged and equipped and has added a lot to the efficiency of that ward. This year the operating room finally had its layers of calcimine removed and was repainted. When the calcimine was removed we found the paint that was put on in Dr. Little's time. We "old timers" stood round and admired it and thought of the "good old days"! . . .

Last year, thanks to our W.M.S., the nurses' home received a coat of paint. The nurses are so happy about it and it really looks nice and clean.

During 1950, four of the nursing staff were baptized and ten others are studying Bible preparatory to being baptized. Several patients who heard the Gospel for the first time while in hospital, joined the Church after arrival home and some of these (one especially) are very active workers in their respective churches, bringing in new hearers and encouraging others.

I should tell you about our little children's ward. We have a very sunny little nine-bed children's ward and last year, Miss Waapenö got the foreign ladies together to see what could be done to brighten it up. They bought paint and were going to do the painting too but just then the American ladies were ordered home . . . however each lady made one cover for a quilt with little appliqued figures and we had the painting done. The ladies had chosen a pale pink for the lower part of the wall and white for the rest including the beds, tables, etc. It really looks lovely. We had hoped to get some animals stencilled on as a border but none of us can draw that well. One lady gave some pillows and another some small tables and four little wicker chairs. The nurses laaays keep either a flowering plant or a bouquet of flowers in the ward. The children help sweep up after meals if they are well enough. Those who are able to sit up, sit at the little tables and all sing a blessing before meals. It is one of our happiest spots in spite of the fact that we have had so many hopeless cases of TB spinal meningitis this past year. The Bible woman and the minister teach the children to read and sing. One little TB hip case who was in for a long time learned to read and then memorized 180 Bible verses. . . . At Christmas time all the foreign ladies gave toys to the children and we had more than was needed at the time so now we have a few that belong to the ward.

I have gone on and on but I do want to let you know something of the work that is being done in the hospital. I also want to thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers for the work. It is a wonderful feel to know that you are all working with us and for us.

My very best wishes to you all.

—HILDUR K. HERMANSON.

Postscript to Miss Hermanson's Letter

I WROTE you a long letter recently but as I am writing home telling my people about Easter, I decided I'd tell you too!

We have been having such a lot of rain the past while that even our minds were soggy. However, yesterday morning the rain stopped about eight o'clock and we had a beautiful misty, then a bright morning. I often think the first Easter must have been like that!

We were very busy in the hospital so I was late getting to Soren Church but went anyway. They had beautiful music and a very good sermon. People brought flowers to the church and they were massed at the altar. After the service the whole choir and few other church members brought the flowers to the hospital and gave each patient a few and sang by each ward. The patients were so happy and one of our new doctors who is not a Christian was so impressed, he said in the most awed tones: "I have never seen anything like this before." A foreign patient gave patients and nurses little cakes. The Girls' School Pupils collected eggs, coloured them red and brought enough for each patient and each member of the staff to have one each. Eggs are expensive now, so that was a real treat. Later in the day, two other choirs also came bringing flowers and singing, so it was a real Easter Day for all.

In the afternoon I attended our English Easter service and in the evening I was taken to Tamsui to hear Isobel Taylor's choir sing Gaul's Cantata Holy City. The choir did it beautifully. Isobel has done wonders with that choir. Two Americans helped her with the Cantata this year. They sang the soprano and tenor solos. They sing it again Thursday evening at the new Y.M.C.A. and Friday at Soren Church.

Glad Tidings Programme

THIS is a suggested outline of a *Glad Tidings* programme for an auxiliary meeting. This one is based on the April and May issue, 1951. It should be announced at least a month in advance. This programme is adapted from the demonstration auxiliary programme prepared by Mrs. F. W. Payne, *Glad Tidings* secretary for Guelph Presbyterial for their Spring Rally.

Hymn 323.

Scripture Reading, Psalm 103.

Prayer.

Hymn 649, verse 1.

Tell the story of Miss Ellen Douglas' "Summer Camp", page 143. Prayer — We pray for our missionaries on the Bhil Field: Misses Stringer, Williamson, Sherrick, Douglas, MacMurchy, Kennedy, Magee, Scott, Reaveley and Leask. Especially for Miss Ellen Douglas as she is revealed in this letter, winning by her love, the love and confidence of the Bhils, and pointing them to Christ. This prayer could well be divided.

Hymn 649, verse 3.

Give an outline of the "Korean Wedding", page 207 (May).

Tell what missions mean to *you* using the article in the *Glad Tidings* page 140.

Prayer—Pray for Mr. Wenchi Kim, Mr. and Mrs. Rumball, our two Biblewomen and for the rebuilding of the Korean Churches in Japan. This prayer also might be divided with advantage.

Hymn 649, verse 4.

Quiz:
1. Who is Reverend G. D. Johnston?
2. Who is the secretary of the Board of Missions?
3. What missionaries has our Church among the Koreans in Japan?
4. Who is "Letta McCully Cherry?"
5. Who is Wenchi Kim?
6. Who is responsible for the cost of his education in Canada?
7. What is the name of our most recently organized Presbyterial?

Ask for questions from the members.

Hymn, 568.

Benediction.

—(Mrs. J. G.) Alice Inkster

News Notes

A New Appointment

MRS. G. W. BRADLEY has been appointed hospital visitor in the city of Winnipeg. She will serve there as a staff member of the Society under the direction of the Presbytery of Winnipeg.

A Missionary Appeal

IN March *Glad Tidings*, Dr. William Barclay of Hamilton, President of the Canadian Council of Churches made an appeal for financial assistance for aid to European Churches, a very worthy project which had been undertaken by our Church in conjunction with the other member Churches of the Canadian Council of Churches. If you recall, The Presbyterian Church at the time Dr. Barclay wrote, had only a small part of its obligation in hand. Since then, your Society has contributed $2,000 from the 1950 balance. Provision was also made for a similar expenditure in 1951. Mrs. Pye has told you that in her explanation of the expenditure of last year's balance (Page 163 April *Glad Tidings.*)

We draw your attention to this appeal for two reasons. One is entirely material, a matter of pride. Our Church has said it would be responsible for its share of the $100,000 which was allotted to Canada to raise, to help our brothers and sisters in Europe. The shares were alloted on a percentage of membership basis. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has always borne its share in all appeals made for help for our brothers and sisters in distress. Then too, Presbyterians never back down on a pledge.

The second reason, we should give careful attention to the appeal being made by our Church right now for this purpose, is that we are being challenged to follow Jesus' command to love our neighbour, to give the cup of cold water, to preach His Gospel to the ends of the earth. We have not hitherto, considered the needs of Europe as being of a missionary nature. That great old continent which gave to the world the men and the women who followed the apostles' footsteps in extending knowledge of the Master, which gave birth to the very Church we own and love, has been on the giving end of things for centuries. Now she is in need, need for the material things to carry on the spiritual life for which its people fought and died. The money given for use for European Relief will be spent on such things as erection of temporary wooden churches, repairs to churches, pastor's salaries and equipment, beds for institutions, Bibles and Christian literature, ministry to prisoners of war, teacher training courses, service to refugees, youth work. Dr. Barclay called distressed Europe "the newest of our mission fields—in which the attempts to rehabilitate church life and leadership is acknowledged as a paramount task".

You, through your Society have responded to this appeal both to help make up the deficit of last year's promised sum and to help the cause in 1951. We can help too, by having as complete a knowledge as possible of this mission and by telling others about it. Finally, we need God's help to know what He would have us do to help men and women and little children find Him. Let us pray that He will not find us lacking in doing His will for the people of Europe.

M.E.W.

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

I have read with considerable interest a letter to the Editor from Miss Pearl E. Henderson of Lucknow, Ontario, in your March issue of *The Glad Tidings.*

While appreciating the concern she expresses about not reading in *The Glad Tidings* of any conversions in our overseas and home fields, I am somewhat concerned as to exactly what she means by wanting an account of these conversions published.

There are just two things I should like to point out in the hope that they may be of encouragement, although they may not meet the precise concern expressed.

First, because of communications between peoples in the world to-day and because we no longer think of missions in terms of Christian west and heathen east, we realize that we just cannot speak of the results of missionary work in the terms we used fifty years ago.

A second thing I should like to point out is that there have been results, but not reported exactly in terms of conversions. We have referred to the miracle of modern missions in Taiwan (Formosa). North and South Councils in Taiwan now estimate the Christians among the tribal people at 20,000. They have built about thirty churches themselves without any financial assistance from the west. While not a spectacular growth there is a steady growth in the membership of the church in Taiwan, exclusive of this great movement among the tribal people. In India, the growth in our work is not spectacular but there have been "conversions". Our missionaries do not refer to them in those terms, rather they write about this individual or that family, not using names, professing the Christian faith. At our school in Jhansi every year there has been a fair percentage of non-Christian students who have professed Christianity.

One of the reasons we are so careful about reports in the *Tidings* is because *The Glad Tidings* is read by Christian people in all the countries in which we work. While it might never get into the hands of the people, many of whom are illiterate, who have recently professed the Christian faith, it might offend the sensitive spirits of those who do read it. The fact of the matter is that throughout the whole Christian movement we have learned to think in terms of the Church of Jesus Christ, not in terms of east and west, and look to the places where the Church is strong to help the places where the Church is weak and all together proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in faith and prayer that many may be brought into the fold of the Church.

Because Christian people in this day and age have been brought into a *conscious* fellowship with one another we can no longer (with delicacy) refer specifically to converts in other lands any more than we would within our own congregation in Canada. That does not mean that the conversion of people to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is not the primary reason for Christian missions. It is and always will be. It is the primary motive in all the work of our missionaries. We just talk about it in different terminology.

Just one thing more we should like to say. After our visit to mission fields overseas—our own and those of other communions—catching a glimpse of so-called faith missions, we would suggest that it is not always the missionaries who count heads who are building on a solid foundation the Church of Jesus Christ abroad.

LAURA K. PELTON,
Overseas Executive Secretary.

Birtle Indian School

(Continued from Mr. Rusaw's Annual Report)

. . . Woodworking classes were conducted one-half day per week for each grade from the senior classroom. Some beautiful pieces of furniture and wooden articles were turned out by these boys. While the boys were in the workshop, the girls were in the sewing room in sewing class under the direction of Mrs. Reynolds. They followed the four year course sponsored by the Extension Branch of the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. A departmental worker makes several calls during the year to help in the organization and the course is carried on as a Club, we being the only Indian Club in the 155 Sewing Clubs in Manitoba. For the 1949-50 term Mrs. Reynolds' first and second year class stood 8th and Miss Kenny's fourth and fifth year class 18th out of 155 clubs which we feel was pretty wonderful. Some extra classes are held in the evening to hurry up the stragglers in knitting and sewing.

Girls in sewing room at Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora

Meetings and discussions are held and occasionally a social event is sponsored by the sewing club in the form of a skating party, a scavenger hunt in the bush during the warm weather or a school party. Sewing and woodwork articles were exhibited at Brandon Exhibition and the sewing at Portage Exhibition, with a high percentage exhibited being prize winners. This prize money is given to the producer of the article and make a little welcome spending money. Two of the girls were chosen from the sewing classes and given a five day holiday in Winnipeg early in December. During that week they toured the city and visited many places of interest and educational value.

On June 7th our Achievement Day exercises were held. The general public were invited to Open House and attend the programme in the auditorium. The sewing and woodwork articles were interestingly displayed in specially arranged settings in the classrooms. A large crowd was in attendance including Inspector Voight and the teachers of the school staff at Shoal Lake. Each year the crowd increases, showing that the locality is taking a keener interest in our school. . . .

(To be continued)

Just recently, two boys from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School were part of a hockey team of Indian boys who toured Eastern and Southern Ontario. The Sioux Lookout team visited Ottawa and Toronto where they played several games. Though they lost more games than they won, they proved many points about Indian boys. They were good sportsmen, they could play the game—win or lose, they were interested in seeing around and learning as much as they could about city life. They met the Governor-General in Ottawa and in Toronto, they had many supporters, not the least of whom were the sports writers for the daily papers.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THIS month we would direct your attention to two small inexpensive booklets which are full of timely information and are available through the Literature Department.

All interested in the spread of Christianity throughout the world are concerned about the Christian Church in China today and therefore will be interested in the statement made by Canon H. A. Wittenbach, the East Asia Secretary, Church Missionary Society, who has written the booklet, COMMUNIST CHINA: WHAT OF THE CHURCH? Canon Wittenbach begins by evaluating calmly and fairly the strength and weakness of the People's Government of China for he says, "The Christian fellowship—the Church—is effective only as it faces realistically the contemporary situation in which it is called to work and witness. Before we consider the Church in China, therefore, we must look at its new environment." Following a concise statement in regard to the present government of China he proceeds to outline the growth of the Church in China and to answer the question, "What is the Church doing in the face of the present situation?" Having given a brief survey of the Church in China today, Canon Wittenbach points out that the present struggle is not only a problem for the Chinese Church but that "Communism challenges the world" and that "if Christians are to meet the challenge of Communism, they must be diligent in the study of their Bibles, and of the doctrines of the Church." He emphasizes the need for people to be informed about what has been done by the Christian Church in the world and about what it is doing today.

Those who want to understand the situation in China today will do well to secure and read COMMUNIST CHINA: WHAT OF THE CHURCH? For the small sum of twenty cents much valuable information will be secured.

The other book is a welcome addition to the Eagle Series—DR. IDA—the story of Dr. Ida S. Scudder of Vellore told by Sheila Smith. This is the fascinating and inspiring story of the outstanding American woman who began the Vellore Medical College. This story should be of particular interest to members of the Women's Missionary Society as we have had and continue to have a share in the work of this College through grants of money and through our missionary nurses who have served on its staff. We suggest that Auxiliaries see that a copy of this biography is given to the Girls' Group in their church as 'teen-age girls would find it a most interesting and inspiring story.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

WHAT did 4,676 members of the Evening Department in 184 groups from Quebec to British Columbia accomplish in 1950?

Activities: These consisted of such things as taking charge of the Junior Congregation so that mothers could attend the church service, helping with Mission Band, taking charge of special missionary church services and placing the flowers in the church. Some groups made a great many visits to sick and shut-in folk in the congregation, others sent Christmas gifts to hospitals and sanatoria, remembered missionaries at Christmas and sewed for local charities.

One very important thing was not mentioned. Can it be that the Evening Department has forgotten its special commission, that of organizing the young women so that they too may know the joy of working together to help win "the world for Christ"? Think on this.

Studies: Here we find that the Department as a whole ran true to form. To be sure some groups had speakers—and in a few instances they did not present the work of our Society and our Church, I am sorry to say—but a large majority used the 1950 study, *Toward a New Dawn in Japan,* while some presented the challenge to greater endeavour by the use of slides. Some newly organized groups used the study *Our Commission.*

The Glad Tidings: 1,745 members of the Department subscribed to *The Glad Tidings.* This is only 37% of the membership. Since the magazine is the official organ of the Women's Missionary Society to keep us informed of the work of the Society and of current events in world missions, it would seem we are not a very well informed department. This may not be an accurate picture, but nothing less than 100% *reading* membership will make us the informed women we ought to be in order to do the task which confronts us. One Secretary suggests that we make this a "Glad Tidings Year" in our department.

Givings: These amounted to $28,933.15, an average of $6.16 per member as against $22,822.00 in 1949, which was an average of $5.82. Some Auxiliaries have reached the Evening Department goal of $13.00 per year per member, some have almost reached it. This is a source of satisfaction to the individual Auxiliary and an incentive to reach greater heights. The systematic use of *weekly* envelopes, which is growing, has been found to be the most satisfactory method of making marked progress.

The reports of 1950 have shown enthusiasm, loyalty and extra effort to accomplish that which we set out to do in this, the first year of our Three-Year Advance.

—E. LUZETTA McCLELLAND

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Secretary

VISITS to Young Women's groups during the past weeks have brought many insights into the place of young women in the Church. As we sat down with them to evaluate program and experience, the question, "Why a Young Women's group, anyway?" usually came up for discussion.

"Well, for one thing, we *like* each other", was one answer.

I'm not surprised, I thought, I like you, too. I like your quick response to human need, your friendly way of drawing people into your circle. You are an outgoing group.

Such an attitude led them into what Dr. Elton Trueblood, in his book "Alternative to Futility", describes as "the fellowship of the concerned".

Someone discovered a need for a Sunday morning Nursery Class, to enable parents of young children to attend church service. Enlisting the help of men in the congregation, they decorated a room in the Church basement, added a few small tables, and now, members of the group take turns in supervising the nursery class.

— Some provided leadership for junior organizations such as Mission Band, Explorers, C.G.I.T.
— Many provided flowers for the church sanctuary one Sunday during each month, and later took them to sick and shut-in members.
— Most groups kept a careful check on absentee members, sending them greeting cards and making visits in case of illness or bereavement.
— Others supplied an "after-school-snack" for Mission Band members before the meeting, and some gave financial assistance which enabled teen-agers to go to camp.

Yes, they carried out their primary function as members of a Missionary Society, but they went the "second mile", and in carrying out additional responsibilities, gained new interests and widened horizons.

—GRACE IRVINE.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

Alice in Wondrousland

THE bus groaned to a stop, and began spilling out its squealing contents of fifty brightly-wrapped bundles of femininity in assorted sizes. Then while a forest of waving arms bade it goodbye, the bus turned reluctantly away from the hills of camp, and chugged its lonely way back to the dust and heat of the city.

Little Alice picked up her much-battered suitcase (her grandmother had lent it just for this occasion) and tagged after the others in their quest for dining-hall and food. Suddenly her glance lifted out toward the lake, and there she saw tall, graceful trees framing an oval splash of gleaming water. Her heart did a great flip-up into her throat and shivers ran in dots and dashes up her spine. Alice knew from that very moment that she was in Wondrousland.

Alice was to discover much about that land in the ten rosy-hued days that followed. The very first night they sat for evening worship in neat crosslegged semicircles around the glowing fireplace in the rec room;—Alice learned that night with new and gripping realization Whose land it was, and Who had made it so beautiful. It was something that had never really become part of her knowing before. Now the familiar words, read that evening "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof", seemed to be clothed in richest meaning. It was hard to see how the earth was the Lord's if you walked on man-made pavements, and rode in streetcars, and faced four man-made walls almost every moment of your life. In fact the trees and the little blobs of grass almost seemed like accidents in Alice's city setting. That evening too they learned to sing "This is My Father's World", and Alice felt herself wrapped round with the sureness of a Father's love. She sang the hymn in her heart for all the days thereafter. "Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought". It became a part of Alice's knowing forever after.

The land, she learned, was a land of love. Since it was her Father's world, she began to feel like a daughter in a Father's house. It was then her heart reached out to grasp the sister- and brother-hood of all those who had laid claim to being children of God and who strove to obey Him. In the fellowship of learning and laughing, as you worshipped with friends at morning watch while the dew still sparkled and at evening vespers while the stars popped out, Alice began to know what it meant to "love Thy neighbour". "Thy Kingdom come" which had always been just a phrase on the way to the Amen, now was clothed in flesh and blood. It was then but a step for Alice to see that the most wondrous of all lands, a land of joy and peace and sharing, was a land you could see only with the eyes of your soul. It was a land shared by a thousand thousand people of varying colours, in many countries, a land shared by the living and the dead. Alice took back with her the keys to a new Wondrousland that needed no setting of trees and lake, but was her Father's world right in the middle of a crowded streetcar or a busy street.

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Alice was one of those fortunate children who were sent to a church camp by the gift of another—someone who loved God and loved children. In her C.G.I.T. group, enthusiasm for camp had been generating for several months in advance. Their leader had wisely held a camp night early, where the girls who had been to camp gave the others an enthusiastic talk about it. That evening they had a mock camp fire (with crepe paper and flashlights) and had sung camp songs and held a typical evening vesper service. Later, on a warmish day in May, they had a picnic-hike that got them all excited about nature lore and living in the out-of-doors. So, many of the girls began saving for camp, and some of them started special earning projects like baby-perambulating after school or selling homemade fudge. Their leader often held little gab-sessions after their regular meetings comparing notes on how everyone was getting along on their saving campaigns. Several of the girls were asked to bring their snaps from camp—as a matter of fact, several girls from other C.G.I.T. groups in the town were also asked to show their snaps of camp. Then they made a lovely green camp poster with snaps and sketches and things.

But through it all Alice felt pretty left out, because there just didn't seem to be a way to earn money. There were babies in her own over-crowded home and Alice had to "sit" for free. Her mother went out working on the week-ends, so Alice had to run the household then. Then came that day when their leader dropped in to tell Alice that she could go to camp if she really wanted. It appeared that a lady in the congregation had wanted to give a girl a trip to camp on the condition that she would write a little story about it to be read at a ladies' meeting in the fall.

That's where this story began—but who knows where it will end? Some of them bring forth thirty-fold and some sixty-fold and some an hundred-fold.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

Jackie's Calf — A True Incident

(A story to tell)

MRS. Scott had a cheery welcome, and a nice hot supper ready, when the children came rushing into the kitchen of the farm house, all eager to tell about the Mission Band Thank-offering meeting and of Mrs. Brown who had come from the city to speak. It was Jackie's first meeting, for he was just seven, and he was very much excited.

Jackie felt himself to be of some importance in the home, for, as he explained carefully, "I am just in the middle." By this he meant there were three children older—Bob, Margaret and Barbara, and three younger—Mary-Ellen, Billie and Dorothy. For, while the Scott household was rather poor in this world's goods, it was wealthy in family love and godliness.

So, while the older ones were enlarging upon the meeting, Jackie has something to say too. "A man brought a lamb to God, it is in 'Vitkus, Mrs. Brown said. What is 'Vitkus, Mummy?"

Hastily anticipating that a shout was forthcoming, Mrs. Scott said quickly, "I expect you mean Leviticus, sonny boy, and that is a big word to say. It is a book in the Bible, and tells about many animals given as offerings to God. It was before Jesus came to the earth, and now we can make other offerings, and bring other gifts. Jackie was not to be turned from his subject. "I'd like to bring an animal," he said regretfully, "but I don't live in the Bible."

"Look here son," said Mr. Scott suddenly, "there is a new calf down in Bossy's stall to-day. How would you like to give that as a gift?"

"And can I drive it to the church?" asked Jackie, excitedly.

"Mary had a little lamb," began Margaret, mischievously, but stopped as she saw the warning smile in her mother's eye.

Mrs. Scott spoke quickly to her husband, "Are you in earnest, John?"

"Sure thing," he answered, "If you agree."

"Splendid," she replied, and turning to the children said, "Of course you will not want to bring it to the church, dears, we will keep it for a while, then sell it, and you may take the money to the Mission Band."

How carefully that animal was watched and cared for and how beautifully it grew. The time came when Daddy announced, "To-day we will sell the calf." And Jackie and his brothers and sisters could hardly wait till they got the money.

It was a good time to sell, the calf was in splendid condition, and brought a price that surprised even Mr. Scott. When he came home and the children gathered around him in the cosy kitchen, he explained.

"Jackie, here is more money than I expected. Now the Bible says to give a tenth. If you would like to do that, you may keep the rest for yourself."

"What does that mean?" asked Jackie, looking around.

"It means", said Barbara, "that if you have ten cents you give one cent; if you have a dollar, you give ten cents—that is right, eh Daddy?"

"Perfectly right. Now here we have fifty dollars, and the tenth of that is five dollars. How about giving that as an offering, Jackie?"

"Be careful, John", warned his wife, but Mr. Scott was looking into his son's puzzled eyes.

"But you said I could give the *whole* calf".

"Yes, but there is more money than I thought."

The little lad was very troubled. "But if I give that little money, it will be only *part* of the calf, and that does not sound right. Mummy, you told us what was in the Bible."

Mrs. Scott quoted, "Ye shall not offer unto the Lord that which is broken or cut."

Here the tears fairly overflowed, as Jackie sobbed, "my calf must be cut and broken if I give only a part. Daddy, can't I give it *whole?*"

"Of course you may, my son," said Mr. Scott, kindly. "I gave you your choice."

With the dear Lord "sitting over against the treasury" at the next meeting of the Mission Band, do you think He was pleased when the "*Whole Calf*" was given as an offering? Surely He was, and there were no happier children in Ontario than the Scott children, and perhaps no prouder parents than Mr. and Mrs. Scott.

Ottawa B.C.H.

The Children Home Helpers packet is now ready for distribution. Any leaders wishing copies will please write to Children's Work Secretary, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto. This packet is for children who live too far away from their church to attend the mid-week meeting of Mission Band or Explorers.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. W. BARLOW, 149 W. 5TH ST.,
NORTH VANCOUVER, PRESS SECRETARY

KAMLOOPS-Okanagan Presbyterial—The thirty-fifth anual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Vernon,** on March 16th. Delegates were present from all five auxiliaries but the attendance was not large. The Reverend J. D. Denny led the opening devotions and extended a cordial welcome to all. The departmental reports were satisfactory and the allocation had been over-subscribed. Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, brought greetings. A brief Remembrance Service was led by the president, Mrs. J. Bowen-Colthurst. The afternoon devotions were led by the president on the theme ''Housecleaning''. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, brought greetings and gave a splendid address. She also installed the officers.

Victoria Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held recently in St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria.** There was a very great evidence of advancement in many departments and the various activities of the auxiliaries in the past year. There was a feeling of keen interest in all sessions.

As one of the main speakers, Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, gave an outline of some of the highlights of the World Convention held in Toronto last year, where 5,000 delegates from 62 countries were present. Miss Mackay stressed the importance of the responsibility to teen-agers and young people, urging that this work be done now. The Presbyterial also expressed its appreciation to Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President, who helped in many ways. Mrs. Pollock installed the officers.

Westminster Presbyterial—The ladies of St. Paul's Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** recently made a presentation to Mrs. W. P. Gordon who is moving from the district. She has been a member of the auxiliary since 1925 and has served as Home Helpers Secretary in her auxiliary for many years. She will be greatly missed.

ALBERTA

MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, 1422-26A ST.
S.W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY Presbyterial—With a programme arranged for information, instruction, inspiration and fellowship, Calgary Presbyterial held its 37th annual meeting February 13th and 14th, with Mrs. C. E. Jamieson presiding. The Tuesday evening session was the Prayer Service, when every worker in Canada and overseas was remembered by name in prayer, a member of each organization in the Presbyterial taking part. The message, brought by Reverend V. Raison, of Chalmers Church, set very high ideals for our Society, to be attained only by the deepening of our spiritual life. Devotions on Wednesday were led by Mrs. C. J. Davidson and Mrs. W. Harte of Three Hills, and Mrs. G. C. Shearer of North Hill Auxiliary, Calgary, carried out the same theme. Information and instruction came through the departmental secretaries' and Treasurer's reports, delegates from Banff, Cayley, Three Hills, High River, and the city churches adding to the helpful discussions. The excellent support coming from the Evening Department, Young Women's Auxiliaries and the various Girls' and Children's organizations accounted for the increase in givings, while their interest and enthusiasm strengthened the whole Presbyterial. A very timely talk by Mrs. T. G. La Rose of Knox Church, ''Thoughts on Programmes'' presented the Study Book and included the Bible, *The Glad Tidings, The Presbyterian Record,* and the books and material on the Literature table, conveniently displayed. Another special feature ''Have you heard'' by Mrs. J. H. Jamieson, with world-wide missionary items, was balanced by ''We have heard'' by Miss Margaret Boyd, deaconess, with interesting items from letters from a number of overseas workers. Several ladies from Calvin Hungarian Church were present and Mrs. G. Sandor, spoke of the work of building their new church.

Appreciation of the work of Miss Athalie Read, regional secretary, was expressed by Mrs. R. J. Edgar, Past President, and embodied in a letter to be sent to Council Executive with the heartfelt endorsation of the Presbyterial. The evening meeting opened with a worship service conducted by five C.G.I.T. girls from Knox Church. The secretaries of the Evening Department, the Young Women's Department and the Girls' Organizations, whose reports had been read without discussion in the afternoon, now brought out the important phases of these groups, with an arranged-for audience participation by questions, a most informative method. Two selections from a massed choir of C.G.I.T. groups was followed by a film ''Child Slavery in Yunnan'', showing the need of Christian missions, while the necessity for consistent Christian living and witness was portrayed by a Chinese Law-Court scene, with impersonations which included Grandmother Ding and the Reverend Malcolm Ransom. The hymn, ''Who is on the Lord's side?'', and prayer closed the meeting.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The **Carstairs** Auxiliary is away to a good start for 1951. The allocation was accepted and plans were made to make a quilt as well as to send another box of clothing to the Indian School in Manitoba. A splendid report was given by those who attended the Presbyterial meeting. Although Carstairs has not had an ordained minister for eleven years, there is much interest shown in the Women's Missionary Society.

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Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Marks St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

SUPERIOR Presbyterial — The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, **Port Arthur.** An Executive meeting was held in the morning with a luncheon at noon. A discussion on the reports was led by Miss Margaret MacNaughton, regional secretary, and she congratulated the Presbyterial on the year's work. She asked if more could not be done to assist the leaders of the children's groups which is a most important work.

Miss MacNaughton addressed the meeting and took as her theme ''The Time is Now'' and centred her thoughts upon the words ''To stand beside the work of the Church and Advance.'' Mrs. M. Cochran brought greetings from the Thunder Bay Deanery of the Anglican Church, Mrs. H. Dalzell from the Women of the Baptist Churches Thunder Bay Association, Mrs. A. A. Neuert, from Superior Presbyterial of the United Church of Canada.

Reverend Gordon Bastedo, B.A., addressed the evening meeting. ''Tonight,'' he said, ''the ministers salute this Presbyterial and all Presbyterials of the Women's Missionary Society, as fellow helpers in Christ.'' ''It is a good time, at your annual meeting,'' he continued, ''to hear words of commendation and to have your connection with the Church re-affirmed to bring us together more and more and to keep us together. There are three ways in which we are fellow helpers,'' he said, ''the first is that the ladies of the W.M.S. helped by their presence at Church services. It means a great deal to a minister to count on your being there. The second is prayer. We need fellow helpers who are behind us in prayer, not a selfish prayer for your own organization but for the whole world. Third, practical help in the work of the church, especially the sending of bales of clothing, bedding, Christmas gifts, etc., where needed.''

Miss Isabel Scott, director of Christian Education, St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, installed the officers.

On March 15th a very well attended Easter Thank-offering meeting was held by St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Fort William.** Devotions were in charge of Mrs. C. LeCocq and Mrs. A. Migneron. ''An Easter Meditation'' was the theme of the guest speaker, Miss Isabel Scott, deaconess. She enlarged on the place women took in the work of the Church both at home and abroad. Mrs. MacAulay was appointed a delegate to the Manitoba Synodical meeting.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The Explorer Group of St. James, **Winnipeg**, held a tea on March 12th. The girls sang the Explorer hymn and the hymn ''The World Children for Jesus''. Solos were taken by Gail Love and Louise White. The highlight of the evening was a movie made by the girls, depicting scenes of the various phases of our Women's Missionary Society work across Canada. A short story was told about each picture. The table decorations showed an Indian village and a church—models were made by the Explorers. The meeting was well attended.

The members of Old Kildonan Auxiliary, Winnipeg, and a number of the Home Helpers met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Davidson for their regular meeting. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, regional secretary, was a welcome guest. The second chapter of the study *Our Share in the World Mission* was shared by two members; Mrs. D. E. Flint taking ''The French Protestants'' and Mrs. Hector Macdonald ''The Chinese Congregations in Canada''. Plans are being made to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Auxiliary in June.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MRS. J. S. DOBBIE, 103-5TH ST. EAST, OWEN SOUND, PRESS SECRETARY

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—The Beatrice Scott Auxiliary of **Port Elgin** was in charge of the evening service on Sunday, February 25th.

The Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Owen Sound,** and the Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary held their spring Thank-offering meeting on the evening of March 13th. Reverend Thomas Maxwell, recently returned from our mission field in British Guiana, was the special speaker.

Chatham Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary of **Amherstburg** held a luncheon meeting in the Sunday School room in February.

March 15th was set as the date of the St. Patrick's tea held by the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor.** Mrs. Gordon White, president, was in the chair. Letters of appreciation for parcels sent to England were read. Miss Olive Anderson reviewed the second chapter of the study book.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Calvin Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** celebrated its 23rd anniversary in March. Mrs. Robert Thompson, president, welcomed visitors from other auxiliaries.

St. David's Auxiliary, Hamilton, celebrated its 30th anniversary on March 5th. Greetings were brought by Miss Annie Ritchie, Mrs. H. C. McKellar and representatives from local auxiliaries. Miss M. B. McQuesten congratulated the auxiliary on its many years of faithful service.

Huron Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Auburn,** met recently when letters from the Reverend Paul Rumball were read. The study book was introduced and Mrs. Robinson gave a résumé of the Women's Missionary Society since its organization.

Arnold Circle Auxiliary, **Hensall,** at a recent meeting had several visitors join as members. The topic ''Advance'' was taken by Mrs. Irvin, who said the basic motives for missionary work were: overmastering loyalty to Jesus Christ and obedience to our Lord's command ''Go ye . . .''.

The Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary of First Church, **Seaforth,** had a supper to commence one of their regular meetings. The spirit of fellowship thus engendered was much appreciated. Films were shown of our mission work in Formosa and the meeting closed with a worship service.

The Auxiliary of First Church, Seaforth, met in January with the new president, Mrs. D. G. Campbell presiding. Mrs. James Kerr gave an excellent address on *Our Share In The World Mission.*

Niagara Presbyterial—The first meeting of the newly-formed Niagara Presbyterial was held in Drummond Hill Church, Niagara Falls, on March 6th, when about forty members were present from 17 district points with at least one representative from every auxiliary, including, Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Dunnville, Fort Erie, Cayuga and Fonthill. Mrs. J. J. McLean, Mrs. W. A. Combe and Miss E. Cruickshanks were returned as district presidents.

Miss A. Ritchie, Hamilton, was present in an advisory capacity while Miss Jennie Kinnear of Cayuga presided in the absence of Mrs. J. M. Dickson of St. David's. There are five C.G.I.T. groups in the newly formed Presbyterial and three more groups contemplating becoming C.G.I.T. groups and one Explorer Group in Welland.

Routine business was transacted such as reports, which were most interesting and inspiring in the ardour they portrayed. New committees necessary to the functioning of the Presbyterial were formed.

The C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, **Welland,** held a most impressive affiliation service with the Women's Missionary Society on February 5th. In the absence of the president, the vice-president, Miss Margaret Burns conducted the service. Those assisting in the candle-lighting ceremony were Mrs. Ralph Wilson, representing the Presbyterial Girls' Organizations Secretary, Miss E. Dick, president of the auxiliary, Mrs. J. G. Frame, leader of the group and the twenty girls in their C.G.I.T. uniforms. Mrs. Wilson briefly told the girls of several of her classmates now serving in our mission fields. The meeting closed with ''taps'' and the benediction.

Paris Presbyterial — The Evening Auxiliary of **Paris** observed its 25th anniversary in March. Organized in 1926 by Mrs. F. Scott Mackenzie, the organization has maintained a steady interest and allocations have always been met and in many cases exceeded. Mrs. William Cavan read an interesting history of the Auxiliary, of which Mrs. M. E. Moore is now president.

Sarnia Presbyterial — News of the recent death of the Presbyterial's charter member and Honorary President, Mrs. Margaret Stokes of **Petrolia,** left a real gap in the ranks of Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society workers. The fine Christian spirit and sturdy character of this grand old lady, in her 102nd year, will long be remembered by those who know and loved her.

The Roll Call at the **Bear Creek** Auxiliary meeting was responded to by Scripture verses on ''love''. Mrs. John Mannen spoke on ''The love that cannot be denied''. Mrs. D. McGregor gave the missionary study from *Our Share In The World Mission.*

Enthusiastic hymn singing opened the auxiliary meeting of St. James Church, **Forest,** and the Roll Call was answered with verses emphasizing ''sacrifice''. Mrs. Fred Gallie brought highlights from the recent Presbyterial meeting held at Petrolia.

Mooretown Auxiliary held their February meeting at the home of Mrs. E. Harkness.

The Young Ladies' Club, an affiliated group of St. Andrew's Church, Sarnia, honoured their leader, Mrs. L. H. Sinclair and their Bible Study teacher, Miss Margaret Diver at their February meeting. Miss Jean Martin made the presentation and complimented these ladies on their faithfulness and many years of Christian leadership.

The C.G.I.T. of Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, held their Mother and Daughter banquet on February 13th.

Members of the Greta Adams Evening Auxiliary, Paterson Memorial Church, and St. Andrew's Young Ladies' Club are preparing an historical sketch for presentation at the Synodical meeting to be held in April.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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PETERBOROUGH Presbyterial — At the annual meeting of the Presbyterial held in St. Paul's Church, **Peterborough,** Mrs. A. N. Reid, wife of Reverend A. N. Reid of Brighton and Colborne, was elected President on the resignation of Mrs. R. N. McCulloch, Campbellford. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, was guest speaker, and showed pictures of the work being done in Canada. Encouraging reports were read by the departmental secretaries. The officers for 1951 were installed.

Toronto East Presbyterial—The MacKenzie Auxiliary of Riverdale Church, **Toronto,** held their 35th anniversary on March 14th. Dr. Florence Nicholls, medical missionary on furlough from Vellore Christian College, India, was the guest speaker. Dr. Nicholls told of the growth of the College Hospital from one bed to five hundred beds in a few years, and of the many who had become Christians through the efforts of the workers there. She also spoke of Miss McConnell who is giving such splendid service. Mrs. F. J. Harvey, President of Toronto East Presbyterial, brought greetings and the birthday cake was cut by Miss Catherine Bevan, a charter member.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society, was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Agnes Glassford Evening Auxiliary of **Winchester**. Her subject was, ''What will I do with what has been given to me?'' Mrs. Wilfred McKercher had charge of the study and programme. Reverend and Mrs. Read, Mrs. E. Munro of Winchester Springs, and the Goforth Girls were also guests of the auxiliary. Miss Irvine also addressed Young Women's Auxiliary meetings at Brockville, Prescott, Chesterville, Morrisburg and Winchester.

Glengarry Presbyterial—An interesting feature of the January meeting of **Martintown** Auxiliary, held at the manse, was a presentation to Miss Isabel Christie. Guests from Alberta and Toronto spoke about the work being done in their home churches.

Members of **Picnic Grove** Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary and Mission Band met in St. Andrew's Church, with the president, Mrs. Clayton McPherson, presiding. Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary, was the guest speaker. Her address to the Mission Band on ''God's Tree'', and to the young women on ''World Conditions'', was a challenge for greater effort in missionary work. Members of the Mission Band sang.

Montreal Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of Montreal Presbyterial was held in Knox-Crescent Kensington Church, **Montreal**, on February 6th. Mrs. Robert McCleery, President, presided at both afternoon and evening sessions. Mrs. Clifton MacKay conducted the worship service, and greetings were brought from the Synodical Society by the President, Mrs. Harcourt Emra. Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.), was the guest speaker in the afternoon. The Reverend Clifton J. MacKay opened the evening session with devotions and prayer. The Reverend Quincy A. McDowell, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. The speaker of the evening was the Reverend J. Alan Munro, B.A., M.C., Associate Secretary of the General Board of Missions. Knox-Crescent Kensington choir, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Ringwood, assisted with the music. The Treasurer reported the largest contributions received in this Presbyterial since 1925.

The nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year took place under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Synodical Treasurer, who conducted the installation service.

Ottawa Presbyterial—St. Giles Auxiliary, **Ottawa**, heard an interesting talk on Korea by Mrs. W. G. Brown, Presbyterial Welcome and Welfare Secretary, who had visited Korea with her husband, Reverend W. G. Brown, when he visited the overseas fields as Moderator of the General Assembly.

News Notes

The Vans

Now that spring has come, it is time to think about the mission of the vans. Three will be in operation this year. Miss Winnifred Ripley has been on her field, Red Deer Presbytery, for several weeks now. She will be in charge of the van there. May 1 will see Miss Margaret Boyd setting forth in charge of the van in Prince Albert Presbytery. Miss Marjorie MacKay will be heading north to the Presbytery of Peace River with the new van. Our thoughts and prayers go with these young women and their student assistants as they carry on this quite exciting part of our Society's work.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

March 30th, 1951

RECEIPTS:

Mrs. Jamieson, Highgate, Ontario	$ 15.00
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	8,100.00
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	7,600.00
Life Membership pins	69.43
Missionaries' Salaries held in Canada on request	659.64
Annuity rates received from workers	612.51
Hospitalization and medical rates received from workers	139.45
Synodical Societies:	
Alberta	300.00
Manitoba	278.66
Manitoba, Supplies	58.00
Toronto and Kingston	2,657.20
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	225.95
Hamilton and London	3,300.00
Montreal and Ottawa	1,470.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	25.00
	$25,510.84

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	$3,083.21
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.65
Birtle Government Grant	3,371.86
Birtle	208.33
Deaconesses	779.66
Chinese in Canada	1,090.65
Port Work	151.53
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	543.01
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	291.58
Supplies	1,004.27
India:	
Jhansi Field	4,760.28
Bhil Field	5,425.00
Taiwan	1,436.05
British Guiana	1,660.81
Koreans in Japan	350.00
Missionaries' Travelling Expenses	111.90
Education of Overseas Students	66.50
Education of Candidate (Ewart Trust Fund)	32.50
Overseas Advance	1,000.00
Overseas Grants	1,230.00
Christian Literature	1,037.50
Organization	1,463.31
Publications	881.18
Exchange	67.95
Administration	1,882.53
Visual Aids	2.94
Deputation	112.46
Orphan Missions	1,000.00
Payments made from 1950 Balance	5,992.75
Payments from Special Gifts	793.30
	$39,997.71

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 45.00
Refund on Government Annuities	663.95
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	127.00
Legacy Fund—	
Interest	30.00
	$ 865.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

Pension Fund—	
Annuity rates paid to Government	$1,418.74
Long service payments on Annuities	12,080.00
Legacy Fund—	
Third Van for Western Canada	1,575.50
Building Leaders' Cabin, Saskatoon Lake Camp	300.00
Plaque for Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat, Alberta	73.44
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Education of Special Students, Jhansi Field	500.00
Bursaries for Girls at Helen Macdonald School, Jhansi, India	150.00
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Down to "The Elysium of the Tropics"

BY AGNES HISLOP

Miss Hislop has recently returned from a three-months' visit to British Guiana. This visit was a training period, for she leaves this summer to take up duties on the Jhansi field, India.

COME along with me on an imaginary visit to British Guiana, "The Elysium of the Tropics" as an early explorer called that little country set on the north-eastern 'corner' of South America. Less than twenty-four hours after leaving Toronto's February bareness and near-zero temperatures we step out of our plane into comfortable 80 degree warmth and luxuriant tropical vegetation comparable to the end of June at home. Here only a minimum of clothing is needed, only cottons and some rayons worn—and it's this way all the year 'round!

A car is waiting to take us the thirty-five miles to Georgetown, capital of the Colony. Notice the brick-like colour and quality of the surface of the road. To obtain this material ordinary clay is 'baked' in huge piles over wood fires for several days, and gradually turns from a gray to a reddish colour, and to a crumbly brick-like hardness. We are following the Demerara River downstream, catching occasional glimpses of its brown water, travelling alternately through stretches of forest (if you look quickly at the right moment you *may* happen to see a monkey!), and little villages, then past the odd banana plantation. Many new varieties of trees, flowers, and birds catch our eye.

As we get closer to Georgetown drainage trenches and canals be-

—John Palmer

Miss Agnes Hislop

come more numerous, and now we pass fields of sugar-cane and rice. Villages are closer together and there are many people, walking or riding on bicycles, travelling in every direction. Look! There is a donkey cart. You will see more of them. Had you noticed that nearly all of the houses are frame buildings, and are set up on 'stilts'? In some of the country areas palm thatches, rather than shingles, are used on the roofs.

Mules pull sugar punts, British Guiana.

Now we have reached Georgetown, and like every city it has its fine residential sections with big homes, smaller neat-looking homes, and crowded-together poorer homes. White seems to be the popular colour of paint for most of the houses. Perhaps you have already noted the different peoples who populate this land: Chinese, East Indians, Europeans, Negroes, and we may see a few Amerindians on one of their infrequent trips from the interior. There are many prosperous-looking business establishments, and there is the market where we can buy almost every fruit and vegetable grown in British Guiana; guavas, mangoes, bananas, oranges, five-fingers, star-apples, plantain, cassava, to name but a few.

After driving along several tree-lined streets we arrive at Burns' Memorial Church. It is a beautiful building, and back of it is the Sunday School hall. As you know, most of the congregation is East Indian, and most of the work of our missionaries in British Guiana is concerned with these brown-skinned, dark-eyed, usually smiling, folk. We will see other churches which will remain in our memory: Triumph Church, in Demerara county—through its open windows we may hear the sound of drums as a Hindu wedding procession wends its way along the dam en route to the home of the bride, or perhaps the breeze wafts in the appetizing aroma of curry as someone is preparing the 11 o'clock 'breakfast'; Clonbrook, the new little church opened only last fall; Akashwani, on the Essequibo coast, with its belfry (whence come the bats which circle above, unheeded by the worshipping congregation at the evening service); little old Uniform Church, on Leguan Island, so badly eaten by ants, but clean and neat as the proverbial new pin, and testifying to the love of the Christians for their church; the new church at Sixty-Four, on the Corentyne Coast, its steep pitched roof a marked contrast to the almost-flat roofs of the Hindu temples. Let us attend the Easter Sunday morning service held in the school on one of the estates. Brown and white are "one in Christ" as we think together of the Resurrection of our Saviour, as we partake of the Communion elements, as we welcome four men and one woman into the fellowship of the Church, as we witness the baptism of three small children.

On one of the sugar estates or plantations we can visit the school which was built there by our Church. It is typical of many of our schools: a two-storey frame building, painted white, set up on two or three-foot posts, with many windows to permit the breezes to blow freely through, (no glass, only wooden shutters to be closed at night or when rain comes). Both upper and lower floors consist of one large room apiece, and there may be four, five, or even six teachers, with classes averaging about forty-five pupils, teaching at once in each of those big rooms. By the way, the new schools which the government is building are one-room structures of greater floor-space than the two-storey ones, and set up on ten or twelve-foot stilts. Basic subjects on the curriculum cover much of the same work as do our schools in Canada. Enrolment in the majority of schools varies anywhere from two hundred to four hundred children; there are two notable exceptions: we can visit one school with thirty on the roll, another with nearly twelve hundred. Most of the teachers are East Indians, and you can meet such radiant Christians among them. On Sundays, Sunday Schools are held in the schools, with many of the teachers active then, too. This is the day when one of our missionaries pays

the sounds and sights which will long remain in our memories: the tree toads chirping half the night; the 'protest' of the donkeys; the chatter of the kiskadees; the domestic animals and fowls which wander everywhere, with little or no regard for traffic; the flatness of the below-sea-level coast, the sight of a ship out at sea standing far above us; the Canada-bound bauxite boats on the Demerara River; the tropical beauty of the full moon shining on sea and coconut palms; the quietness of the nights on the Essequibo coast and islands; the ride in a boat pulled by a mule along a trench between Berbice cane-fields; the glimpse of the one (and only, we're sure!) alligator in B.G.; a visit to a sugar factory, as modern as any factory in North America; the shyness of girls and boys in our first visit to their school, and the 'old friend' attitude on our next visit; the shaven head (except for one little tuft of hair on the top) of a Hindu boy in one school; an open-air meeting under a mango tree; beautiful gold necklaces worn by barefooted women on the Essequibo River steamer; the vermilion stains on the clothes of men, women and children for days after the Hindu Phagua celebration.

As our plane lifts off the field we see spread before us a panorama of virtually the whole colony. Our mind's eye brings a picture of the friends we are leaving. We think of the many who love Jesus Christ, and, too, of the many more who do *not* know Him as Saviour and Lord. You and I must continue to remember our missionaries and the East Indians in our prayers, and to support them with our gifts as God has blessed us, so that "at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

"Front Page News"

BY REVEREND HUGH MACMILLAN, M.A., PH.D.

This is taken from Dr. MacMillan's report of the work in Formosa. Because of the many-sided interests we all have in this Island, we are giving you sections of the report on the instalment plan. Through the next few months look for more interesting facts about this land which has indeed become "front page news".

ON New Year's Day this present year, a B.B.C. commentator made special references to the Orient. He said that the seriousness of the military situation in East Asia and the economic plight of millions of Oriental peoples were causing greater anxiety about world affairs than they had ever before experienced. He was looking back over a year filled with events of far reaching significance, such as the outbreak of war in Korea and the situation in China, and he could feel the atmosphere tense with concern for the future, not only of Far Eastern countries but also of the whole world.

This Island of Formosa once called "Far Formosa" was, because of increasing involvement in world problems during 1950, brought into front page news columns in the home lands. Being in the very area with which many world news item had to do, we missionaries found it hard to realize that our once far away Island had come into such prominence. But at the same time we sensed the tension and anxiety; indeed this tension and anxiety reflected in reports from abroad and felt around us became part of the very atmosphere we breathed through 1950. Reports from the various departments of our mission work must be read against this background.

The year was marked by at least two influences on missionary life and work which made it a memorable one. First was the tension the first 7 or 8 months caused by rumours and warning of communist invasion across the 100-mile wide Formosa Strait from the Mainland. This tension made Formosan Christians, particularly youth, give serious thought to the very basis of their faith. There were those who were said to be wavering in the faith, but on the other hand there were not a few examples of courage and fortitude. Said one pastor working in an area considered near a likely landing place, to a group of young candidates for baptism, "Perhaps you had better wait a little while to see what may happen in political affairs before taking this important step. Suppose that any day you had to face a pistol-armed inquisitor pointedly demanding to know where you stood in the faith, it might be easier for you if you were not baptized". He was giving them one by one a test question. One by one they answered that they had considered all this, and that they wanted baptism right away.

The second influence on missionary life and work in Formosa during 1950 was the coming and going of itinerant missionary evangelists, some from the Mainland, but the greater number from the U.S.A. Those from the Mainland were workers who had left communist dominated areas, through Hong Kong and had come to Formosa to look over this field before considering other places. Those from the U.S.A. represented many groups, Seventh Day Adventists, Assemblies of God, Oriental Missionary Society, Youth for Christ, The Navigators, Christian Evangelical Alliance, (U.S. and Scandinavian) Southern Baptist, Independant Baptist, Mennonites, and several others.

Dr. Hugh MacMillan

These new-comers presented quite a challenge to the young Church in Formosa. On the one hand the Church welcomed fellow Christians from the outside world—a world with which they had hitherto so little contact, — and Formosan Christians were impressed by their enthusiasm. But on the other hand they were somewhat confused by the variety of the doctrinal positions presented. On the whole the Church had been learning some lessons about the nature of Church life and work abroad and on the Mainland and Church leaders have had to learn to stand on their own feet while at the same time catching something of the new-comers' evangelistic fervour. At such times news of Christian work in other parts of the world, of the World Council of Churches and of the Mother Church's part in it has been received with better understanding than ever was possible in the past.

The Synod

The Synod of North Formosa met early in July, with ministers and elders of the three presbyteries, the East Coast, Sin-tek and Tai-peh, present. There were 45 ministers, and 34 elders; an increase of 12 ministers and 7 elders over the attendance at Synod of 1948. Rev. Tan Khoe-tsun of Siang-lian, Taipeh, was again elected moderator.

During the year the Taipeh Presbytery became self-supporting, the presbytery taking responsibility for grants in aid to three remaining aid-receiving congregations. In the Sin-tek Presbytery, Sin-po and Koan-se in the famous orange-growing district became self-supporting and called Mr. Thng Theng-Khian to be their pastor. Tiong-lek also became self-supporting and called Mr. Giam Khoan-hoai. Tek-tang at the foot of the Sin-tek mountains and gateway to the Tyal Tribe Mountain villages also became financially self-supporting under the leadership of Mr. Chng Keng-hian. Mr. Chng expects to proceed to Canada during the present year for a year's study and experience of Christian work in the Mother Church.

In the East Coast Presbytery, Su-o at the South of Gilan Plain became financially self-supporting under the leaderhip of Mr. Tso Thiam-ong. The statistical report of 1950 is appended.

Churches of the Plains

Baptized adults	4,889
Increase over 1949	310
Baptized children	3,470
Increase over 1949	143
Hearers	1,510
Increase over 1949	327
Pastors	44
Unordained workers	11
Fully self-supporting churches	42
Aid receiving churches	21
Elders	194
Deacons	234
S.S. pupils	2,813
T.K.C. Young People	958
Bible Readers	2,854

(To be continued)

Prayer

Our Father, we would come into Thy presence remembering that there the angels veil their faces. We, too, would come with reverence, and adoration, and worship, realizing that Thou art God, and beside Thee there is none other. We thank Thee that Thou art our Father, and that we are Thy children, whose petitions Thou dost hear and answer. We bring Thee thanks for daily blessings, for home, and family and friends; for Thy care and keeping in the day, and in the night time; for protection from the ills that pass us by at Thy bidding; for Thy patience with us. We thank Thee for so much of good in human living, the sympathy, the sacrifice, the unselfish service of our fellow-beings. Once again we owe Thee thanks for the coming of the spring time, and for all Thy great out of doors. And above all, and always, would we bow in gratitude for Thy greatest gift, Thy Son, our Saviour. We have so much to thank Thee for, our Father, so little to thank Thee with. Magnify Thyself in us, that we may the better serve Thee. Help us to walk the way that keeps us near to Christ, that we may the better serve others. Hasten the time, we beseech Thee, when the peoples of the world shall be Thy people. Bless the efforts of all who are striving to bring this day nearer. Be with the sick, the sorrowing and the lonely. Temper to them the weary hours of day and night, and in Thine infinite sympathy and understanding make them strong to endure. Continue Thy patience with us, we beseech Thee, blot out all our sins, and bless us; for our Master's sake, in whose name we pray. Amen.

An Unforgettable Experience

BY REVEREND Q. A. McDOWELL, MONTREAL,

Convener of Synod's Camp Committee

''All nature whispers 'God' to me:
The lake speaks peace; the sun
Reveals His power that creates life.
The overarching sky declares
His all-pervading, sheltering care;
The stars sing out His agelessness,
His harmony, His constancy;
As do the hills so solid, strong.
For God is Strength and Vision, gained
From looking up or out from hills.
The rushing rivers, singing streams
That travel on and on and on,
Remind me of God's endless work,
Of making and remaking life—
He perseveres, He never stops!
Besides all this, the trees
And little flowers, the birds that soar
In rhythmic curves across the blue
Repeat again, again, again,
That God is Beauty, Goodness, Love.''

THE out-of-doors is God's great cathedral, every arch and line and object of which tells us, as the poet says, of God's strength and vision, of His Beauty, goodness and love. Jesus loved the out-of-doors and used many objects of nature to teach us the abiding and eternal truths concerning God and concerning man and their relationship to one another.

How vivid and vital are these messages of nature! "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. —Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." "Behold the fowls of the air — your heavenly Father feedeth them." "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:— whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst." "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone. But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, bringeth forth much fruit." "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields—for they are white already unto the harvest."

What a setting the great out-of-doors provides for the Church to gather her young people, their leaders and her workers together for healthful recreation, for happy fellowship, and for Christian inspiration and instruction! The summer holiday season, when schools are closed and many people from store, shop and office get out of the heat and hustle of the city, presents to the Church an unparalleled opportunity. It is an opportunity for the Church to utilize these days for the refreshment and renewal not only of the body, but also of the mind and spirit. It is an opportunity for the Church to provide a holiday that will count for time and for eternity, for God and His Church.

In order to take advantage of this opportunity, our Church has established Church Camps all across Canada, beside the salty and shining waters of the sea, beside beautiful sparkling lakes and rivers, beside the towering grandeur of the mountains. These camps are inviting our young people and their leaders and the workers of our Church to an unforgettable experience. They are inviting them to 'come apart with Christ' and walk with Him by the sea or lake, or over the mountain and to enter into a new experience of His presence and joy, of His strength and vision. They are calling to many happy and inspiring new friendships with consecrated leaders and splendid campers; they are calling to wholesome recreation in sports and swimming; they are calling to the enjoyment of learning some new craft or handiwork. A holiday in a Christian camp is an experience that lifts one up and lives on and on as a treasured memory.

As one sits beside the sparkling waters with the open Bible in the quiet of the Morning Watch, or gathers with a group under a tree for Bible Study, the Bible becomes a living book with a vital message for life and all its problems. Or as one sits and watches the constantly changing glory of the setting sun, while listening to some missionary tell of the blessing and power of the Gospel in the lives of some far-off people, whose heart is not thrilled to enter into and to share in such a great and glorious ministry? Or as one enters heartily into some game for the very joy of the sport and of associating with real friends, one wonders why there should ever be cheating and unfairness in sports. Or as one so thoroughly enjoys the fun and fellowship around the tables, or the songs and stories and stunts of the camp-fire, one wonders why anyone should think that liquor and license and things that are shady are necessary to a good time. In fact, the days at camp are so rich and rewarding, that one wishes that they would never end. Like Peter on the mount, we would like to live always in such a glory. It is just a sample of living in the presence of Him who came that our joy

might be full, and that our lives might be rich and useful. Therefore, it is little wonder that many of our ministers and missionaries and many consecrated workers in our Church made their definite decision for Christ and His Church at a Summer Camp or Conference.

Most of the directors, leaders and counsellors in our camps serve without remuneration and sometimes at personal and financial sacrifice and the sacrifice of precious vacation time. And yet who has not experienced joy and satisfaction in entering wholeheartedly into the life and work of Camp, has not experienced a joy and satisfaction, such as the world cannot give nor take away. He who enters into the Lord's labours and sacrifices enters into the joy of the Lord.

Pray for the Camps! Pray for those who plan for them, that they may be guided in choosing leaders and arranging programmes (that the Spirit of God can use mightily in the lives of all who attend the camps!) Pray for the directors and leaders and counsellors, that they may indeed be led of the Spirit of God and blessed by Him, that all our camps this summer may prove to be an unforgettable experience in the lives of all those who attend. (for God and for good!)

Chinese Auxiliary, Sudbury

Of this Auxiliary Miss Ruby Walker writes:

One of the highlights of my visit to Sudbury last fall was meeting with a number of Chinese women and children who have so recently come to Canada.

On Saturday afternoon a group of these women met in Knox Church and I was given the opportunity to say "Welcome" on behalf of the W.M.S. and to invite them to become an affiliated group.

The group has been guided by Miss Martin, Mrs. Rees and the W.M.S. groups of Knox Church.

It has been with a great deal of interest that I have followed the doings of this group and I was happy the other day to receive this report from Miss Martin which I would like to share with the members of our Society.

KNOX Presbyterian Church in Sudbury is very happy with the advent of a new Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society comprised of Chinese women who have come to our country within the last year. They were organized last October and in December affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Harry Yeung, who speaks English, is the President with Mrs. C. Lee, Treasurer and Miss Betty Lee, Secretary. The meetings are held every second Saturday afternoon and are proving a real source of fellowship in this new country.

We open our meetings with a brief devotional period, with hymns in English and then Scripture reading in both English and Chinese. As all but two of our members do not know our language we are able to get a little of the Word to them by way of reading in their own language. One wishes it was possible to have short Scripture portions in Chinese to give to them at each meeting so they could have them in their homes, but we have not as yet been able to locate any such material.

Early in March our Chinese Auxiliary was invited to have a display of Chinese crafts at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition at one of our schools. The display was something few of the visitors had ever seen before and many were the compliments received.

These women take a keen interest in their Society, enjoy the meetings and are now planning to have a bazaar early in the fall.

They were very pleased to be able to send $30.00 to our W.M.S. this past month and had already given $20.00 to our church here.

Language is a barrier as yet but we pray that ere long some of them will understand and be ready to acknowledge that the True Light has dawned on their souls.

We commit this new Chinese Auxiliary to you in your prayers that it may be another source of winning souls for Christ.

—*Thelma Martin.*

Chinese Auxiliary holds an Arts and Crafts Exhibition.
Miss Martin is at the right

School of Nursing

Christian Medical College, Vellore

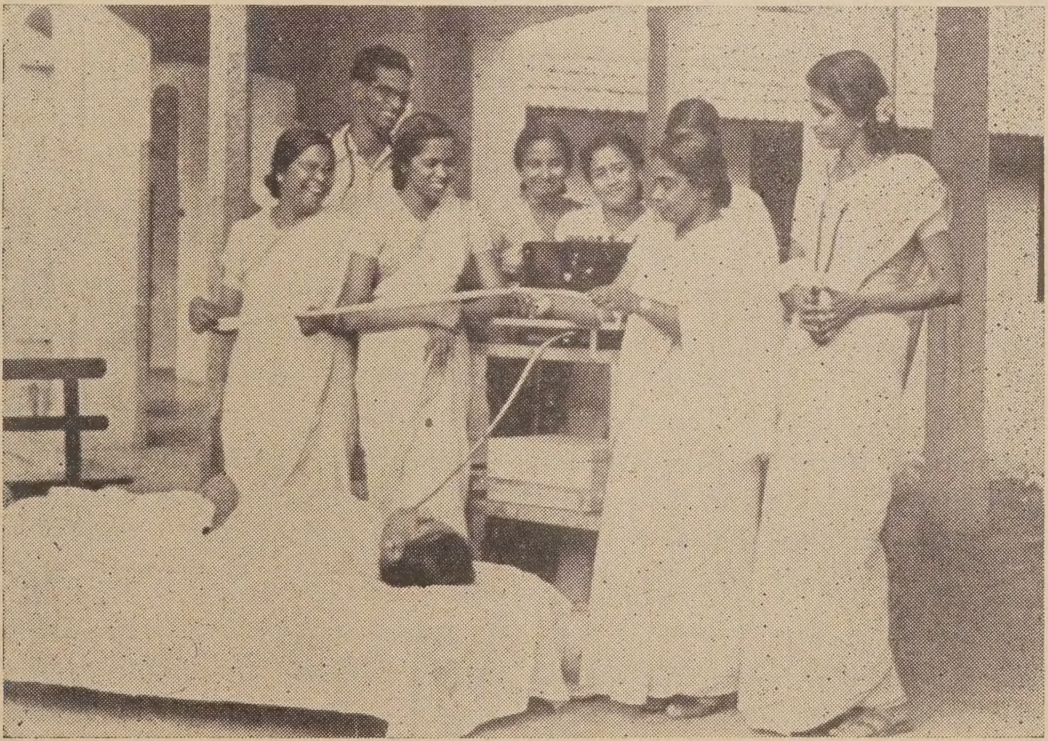
BY ISABEL MCCONNELL

THE year 1950 at the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore has been one that will long be remembered by many who were here to participate in the functions celebrated in honour of the Founder of the work Dr. Ida S. Scudder, or as she is known by the staff, "Aunt Ida". In February we celebrated her Golden Jubilee and at that time the University of Madras granted permanent affiliation for the M.B., B.S. Course—a course comparable to our M.D. degree. The Medical College has also been recognized for training 3 candidates each in Medicine and Surgery for the M.D. and M.S. Courses. Many changes have taken place throughout the year and as Sir Samuel Runganathan, who presided at the programme honouring Aunt Ida's 80th Birthday, said, "The progress of the institution has been so phenomenally rapid that anything said or written about it gets out of date." Dr. Scudder was presented with purses representing the contributions of different States of India, organizations, and foreign countries for the carrying on the work of the College. $20,000 were contributed in these purses! As one sees the energy of Dr. Scudder at 80 years, one feels she is a good recommendation for missionary work and also that she is someone to Praise God for as she has accomplished so much for His Kingdom and for the people of India. She is dearly loved by all who know her and her visits to the wards when she is in Vellore mean so much to the patients. A word of cheer here, prayer with a patient there, flowers for another one make her visits something to look forward to: Her love for all, and her unending desire to help all those who are in need have earned her friends throughout India and in many parts of the world.

Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.

When I came to Vellore towards the end of 1949, it was with fear and trembling that I undertook to do the work assigned to me. I was very fortunate in having Miss Taylor here as Dean of the School of Nursing, as we had met before in Central India and had worked on several committees together. There were many positions which needed to be filled, and as a choice was given to me I chose the work of Ward Teaching, as it would provide opportunities to go to the wards as well as work with students.

Time spent in conferences with students, with Ward Sisters and staff makes up most of my days. There have to be conferences with ward sisters in order to plan the weekly programme, time with students and staff nurses who will participate in the programme, time spent with patients in becoming acquainted with them and investigating those things which are relevant to their diseases, social background, in fact everything there is to know about the patient. Some days I have had as many as 12 conferences. The more time I spend in such conferences convinces me that unless I do give the time the work will not be as satisfactory as we find it is. The students need to be guided and helped in order that they too will quickly recognize the importance of studying their patients as individuals, and in giving them the very best care possible. Of course, in these days of modern medicine we find that so much is accom-



Dr. Vytilingham demonstrates the electrocardiograph at Vellore Hospital, India.

plished through chemotherapy that the actual bedside nursing care does not take the same time, as patients become well so much quicker than previously. In their fourth year, the degree students spend more time on the wards in their practical work. They have their practical experience in ward administration and ward management. The time spent in supervision of these students has amounted to many hours each week. They have this work in the wards, and then they have to work on assignments which are handed in at the end of the term.

In an institution of this size, there are many activities in which we are expected to take part. The Trained Nurses Association, the Student Christian Movement, Lamp-lighting Ceremony, Graduation Exercises, Hospital Day, different holidays observed by the University which we are expected to keep too, and these holidays mean some special programmes. Staff education programme which the chief surgeons come and give lectures on some of the latest adventures in surgery and such like, all most helpful, but taking up so much time. There is never a week without committees of one kind or another and of course we must be present. In the first week of July we had special Dedication Week. It was most helpful before starting in a new term.

One of the things I have enjoyed has been the little cottage I live in. These cottages were put up for servants originally, but as there was a great shortage of accommodation for staff the cottages were given to the School of Nursing Department for Staff. It has been a great boon to me to come off duty and then to putter around for a little while in the garden which I began when I got settled in. One of the papaya trees I planted gave us 20 lovely papaya for our house. Needless to say I was very proud of my efforts. We kept the sick nurses supplied with flowers which helped to keep them cheerful. It was a relief too, when I came off duty very tired, to be able to shut my door and feel entirely away from the hospital and school. We do not have the time to do much in the way of relaxation but I did enjoy the work in the garden. The cottage also, means that I can have people come to my room when they want a talk, or sometimes to have a cup of coffee in the evening after the day's work is done. I have been encouraged to have some of the medical students come to my room for an hour. These contacts do give one the opportunity of helping these young people who will be going out throughout this great land of India to spread not only the Gospel of healing, but also the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and His power to save.

Deaconess Graduation Service

THE annual Graduation Service of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School was held in Knox College Chapel, Friday, April 27, 1951. Reverend K. M. Glazier, Ph.D. presided at the service. Reverend E. A. Thomson, B.A., D.D. conducted worship. The speaker, Reverend James D. Smart, Ph.D. emphasized the need for trained workers in our Church to-day. He felt it should be the deep concern of all Presbyterian Church people to encourage young people to train for service in their Church. He would have us more aware of the need for evangelism and Christian Education throughout the congregations of our Church.

Reverend W. T. McCree, M.A., D.D. was in charge of the presentation of Certificates and Scholarships. The following were presented: Leadership Training Certificates presented by Reverend Robertson Millar to: Miss Annabelle T . Stewart, Cochrane, Ont.; Miss Grace Baron, Carberry, Man.; Miss Iris M. Ford, Hamilton, Bermuda; Miss Betty Grant, Galt, Ont.; Miss Florence Goertzen, Winnipeg, Man.; Miss Anne L. MacEachern, Montague, P.E.I.; Miss Agnes McLeod, Kenora, Ont.; Miss Lillian Reay, Red Deer, Alta.; Miss Roma H. R. Rodd, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Miss Katherine Sun, Kunming, China; Miss Flora Whiteford, Edmonton, Alta.

The Scholarships for General Proficiency were presented by Reverend Ross Adams to Miss Roma Rodd, First Year; Miss Betty Grant, Second Year; and Miss Annabelle Stewart, Third Year.

The Alumnae Scholarship in Bible Courses was presented by Miss Evelyn Walker to Miss Annabelle Stewart.

Proficiency awards were presented by Reverend Ross Adams to Miss Grace Baron and Miss Agnes McLeod, in Second Year, who tied for the honour, and to Miss Iris Ford and Miss Florence Goertzen, First Year, also a tie.

Certificates were presented by Mrs. G. R. Ralston, Principal of the Training School to Miss Grace Baron, Miss Betty Grant, Miss Agnes McLeod, Second Year; to Miss Anne MacEachern, Miss Iris Ford, Miss Florence Goertzen, Miss Lillian Reay, Miss Roma Rodd, Miss Katherine Sun, First Year.

Mrs. Ralston presented the Graduation Diploma to Miss Annabelle Stewart.

''The Christian Church, to-day is a minority in a world which has a non-Christian majority—and in many cases anti-Christian forces oppose it. We are living in a fool's paradise if we think we are not in a battle for the very existence of the Christian way of life.''

Dr. James Smart at Department of Christian Education Annual Meeting.

Where Are the Graduates of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School?

BY MRS. G. D. RALSTON, PRINCIPAL

EVER since its beginning the purpose of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School has been to train young women for the different types of work within the Church's outreach.

Its graduates serve on Mission Fields in Canada and Overseas. They act as Secretaries for the different Boards and departments of the Church's work. They serve in congregations as deaconesses and directors of Christian Education. They are in charge of children's centres in crowded areas in some of our larger cities. As port workers they represent the Church to newcomers from other lands and extend in the name of the Church a sincere and friendly welcome. They are visitors to the sick in the large city hospitals and work in social agencies closely related to the Church. They work among the Chinese, Ukrainians and Hungarians in our cities and as teachers, nurses and evangelists to the Indians in our residential schools. They may be employed in new residential areas discovering the human and material resources which are to be built into the developing congregation.

Mrs. G. D. Ralston

The work is wide and interesting in its variety. Whether the graduate is serving among rich or poor—young or old—literate or illiterate—overseas or in Canada her aim is to present to them the claims of Christ and to be used in bringing them into allegiance to His will.

Singe 1926 the Presbyterian Training School has had one hundred and ninety-five students enrolled in its courses and has graduated one hundred and twelve young women. This number is far from being sufficient to meet the needs of the work already being undertaken—not to mention all the new work that should be started.

Students come from all across the Dominion to get their training in this one institution in Canada maintained by our Church for the training of women as full time Christian workers. At the present time there are enrolled in the School two students from Bermuda, one from British Guiana and one from China as well as those from the various provinces. Over a period of twenty-five years seventy-five percent of the students have come from rural districts and small towns while twenty-five percent only have come from cities. The small province of Prince Edward Island has led all the others in contributing students in proportion to population.

There is need for more young women to train for this important challenging work in this year 1951 A.D. when approximately two-thirds of the people of the world have not yet professed their allegiance to Jesus Christ.

Where are the future graduates of the School? They are to be found in the homes of our Church members. We appeal to you fathers, mothers, Sunday School teachers, elders and ministers to be diligent and alert in making known the needs of our Church, our country, our world and the provision for training young women for this most worthwhile task which our Church offers. All Christians have an obligation in this. The opportunities for service are great but the labourers are few.

Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School.

First General Assembly of Formosa Meets

TAIPEH, Formosa (EPS): — Eighty delegates, ministers and laymen, met on March 8, 1951 in the Siang-lian Church in Taipeh and constituted the first General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Formosa. These delegates represented a Christian community of about 60,000 in more than 200 congregations.

Representatives of the Synods of North and South Formosa met officially for the first time, marking the culmination of a movement toward unifying the two bodies, which has been progressing through two decades.

The Church of South Formosa was founded in 1865 by a missionary from the Presbyterian Church in England, and the Church in North Formosa was founded in 1872 by a missionary from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Reverend George Leslie Mackay, D.D. (Dr. Mackay's son, Reverend G. W. Mackay is at present on the Formosan field). Until very recent post-war years the Presbyterian Church was practically alone in the field with a staff of less than a score of foreign missionaries. Recent months, however, have seen the coming and going of many itinerant evangelists, chiefly from the U.S.A.

Under fifty years of Japanese administration Formosan Christians had few contacts with the Western world, but now with freer coming and going there is keen interest in world Christianity, especially through the World Council of Churches.

—Ecumenical Press Service Geneva and World Church News.

Gathering at Assembly of Presbyterian Church in Formosa.

Rail Arrangements for Council Meeting
of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

THE Council Meeting will be held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, September 25th to 28th, inclusive.

Delegates' tickets will be arranged by the Women's Missionary Society's office, but those other than delegates wishing to attend the meetings are requested to avail themselves of the following arrangements:

Purchase single ticket to Regina and secure from Station Agent at the place of departure a Standard Convention Certificate. This will enable you to purchase return ticket at half fare.

Tickets and certificates will be issued on all railway lines as follows:

Western Provinces, September 20th to 28th.

Ontario and Quebec, September 18th to 26th.

Properly validated certificates will be honoured for tickets for return journey up to October 3rd at Regina, Saskatchewan.

Return tickets will be limited to reach original starting point thirty days from date stamped on certificate.

Rates secured are fare and one-half.

(Mrs. W. A.) Beatrice McLennan,
Corresponding Secretary.

Light for the Mountains

BY MRS. JAMES DICKS

Mrs. Dickson wrote this story in appreciat

BLACK darkness lay before us, the deep, deep darkness of night in a small valley surrounded by high mountains. Night in the mountains is unquestionably night, and in Formosa the darkness falls swiftly after the sun has set, as if God had pulled down the window shade with firm finality. Night and black darkness, and we wanted to have a service of worship in the

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coals with their bare feet, slipping in and out of the shadows eerily but singing in chant-like unison, "Come to Jesus Just Now." At the river's edge, there was hesitation and agitation, everybody busily preparing to ford the river. Wading through the startlingly cool mountain water in the black night, one could not see the slippery stones under the water, the sharp edges, the sudden deep place, the sandy stretches. All could only walk staggeringly through the water, the uncertain tips of flames now lighting up, up, now fading, until we reached the other shore. Then in the darkness again, there was another steep climb up a mountain path to the church. There are snakes, poisonous snakes in the mountains. You have to have faith that you will not step on one in the darkness.

This was at Senseki in the Formosan mountains, and the people who crossed the river to go to church were aborigines, mountain people, who have only heard the Gospel recently. About eighty people are already Christian at Senseki. The church was dimly lighted too, still mostly by flares. We could barely see the audience, they could scarcely see us. Thinking of all the discomforts, handicaps, and dangers involved in the mere process of going to church here, one wondered in how many places in the homeland would people eagerly endure all this in order to hear more about God.

The next night the lamp had arrived. It was a kerosene pressure lamp with a mantle, and it gave a bright, white lovely light that transfigured everything. The path to the river revealed by the light was as safe and friendly and treadable as in the day-time. The dark water held no lurking treacherous places with the light shining into its depths. The little church, instead of being full of dim shadows, was now radiantly bright, the people all enfolded in its circle, transformed from shadows into entities. The light, coming into their midst, had produced a miracle of transformation. Happy excitement chorused through the audience, they sang earnestly, lustily, fervently. They seemed to have become one great family, warmly appreciating each other in their mutual delight over the Light.

Our Lord, Who is the Light of the world, has the same effect in their dark lives as this one bright

NEWS NOTES

Council Meeting 1951

FIRST Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, will be the meeting centre of the Annual Meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Plans are now well under way for the annual event which marks the past year's achievement of the Society and which sets the goal for the new year. September 25th-28th is the time of the meeting.

Summer Appointments

Five students attending Westminster House, the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School will serve the W.M.S. this summer in various fields in Western Canada. They are: Miss Grace Baron, Carberry, Manitoba, a second year student, who will be at Rocky Mountain House working with Miss Winnifred Ripley; Miss Flora Whiteford, Edmonton, Alberta, a second year student is to work in the Presbytery of Kootenay; Miss Agnes McLeod, Kenora, Ontario, a second year student will be in Sudbury, Ontario, working under the Presbytery of Algoma and Temiskaming; Miss Lillian Reay, Red Deer, Alberta, a first year student will serve with the van in the Presbytery of Peace River; Miss Florence Goertzen, Winnipeg, Manitoba, a first year student will be with the van in the Presbytery of Prince Albert.

Appointed to Timmins

Miss Jean Brown of Toronto, a member of Runnymede Church, has been appointed to do summer work in Timmins, Ontario. Miss Brown is a graduate of the University of Toronto and of the Ontario College of Education. Her appointment is in answer to a request that someone help welcome several hundred hard rock miners who are coming to Northern Ontario from Scotland.

On Furlough

Miss Isabel Taylor has just arrived in her home town, Orillia, Ontario, on furlough from Taiwan (Formosa). Miss Ellen Douglas of the Bhil Field, India has returned recently to her home, New Westminster, B.C. also on furlough.

GLAD TIDINGS, HALF-YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION

Is *The Glad Tidings* in every home in your community? The half-yearly rates: 50 cents (individual), 40 cents (group) give excellent reading material for bargain rates. Do your part to put *The Glad Tidings* in every Presbyterian home.

Notes from Synodical News

THE Young Women's Auxiliary of North Mornington Church was hostess for a Presbyterian rally for young women which was held in Burns' Presbyterian Church, Milverton. Members of the Evening Department from Listowel and Stratford were present. Two challenging addresses were given by Miss Lily Macarthur and Miss Grace Irvine.

On May 4th, 1951 the Willing Workers Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church, Toronto, celebrated their 75th anniversary. On May 5th, 1876, the Willing Workers Missionary Auxiliary (then known as the Willing Workers Mission Band) was organized in old Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, situated on the property where the Robert Simpson Company now stands at the corner of Queen and Yonge Streets. This Auxiliary has the distinction of being the oldest organization in the oldest Presbyterian Church in Toronto and is the first organization of its kind in Canada.

Instructions for Distribution of 1950 Annual Report

THE annual reports for the year 1950 will reach you shortly. The copies *for the branches* are as usual being sent to the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries, and should be distributed *promptly*. A copy of the Annual Report is mailed *directly to each Synodical and Presbyterial officer* whose name is listed in the printed Report, as well as to new officers that were reported too late for printing.

Copies are sent for the following:

- —Two to each Auxiliary (afternoon or evening) and two to each Young Women's Group;
- —One to each Affiliated or Associate Society;
- —One to the Girls' group (or groups) in a congregation;
- —One to each Mission Band and Explorer Group.

The reading and study of the report, however, should not be limited or confined to these. The Annual Report is a record of the year's work and a general use of them will *pay rich dividends*. It is well for each group to face up squarely to the record of its achievement and compare it with others in the same category, so as to profit by its own failures and the successes of others.

It is therefore urged that the recipients do not keep the Report to themselves but, after careful perusal lend it to others. When it is returned it should be kept for reference.

If any officer does not receive her copy, she should notify the Editor, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 1.

—(Mrs. J. G.) Alice Inkster.

Areas of Tension and of Opportunity in Missions To-day

A Summary of the Canadian Overseas Missions Council

"THERE is actually no new information at this conference—but it is necessary to keep ourselves reminded of the critical state of World Missions to-day," observed one of the delegates to the Canadian Overseas Missions Conference as in private conversation the sessions were discussed. Perhaps there was nothing new—but there were points of view which were interesting. Men and women who had recently come from fields all over the world, urged us again and again to do as much as we can as soon as we can, to establish the Christian Gospel throughout those parts of the world still free to receive it.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary for The Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, began the discussion on the areas where tension and opportunity exist in her "Highlights of the Foreign Missions Conference". She briefly outlined the problems existing in the areas in which the Canadian Protestant Church is interested. In China, the problem is how to maintain the Christian Message at the present time. In Africa there has been a failure to substitute for the tribal communal system which the educated African has outgrown. Indonesia's problem is that there are devisive agencies within the church. In India and Pakistan the Church is faced with issues which it does not know what to do with. Rehabilitation is the Christian's problem in Korea. In Latin America a powerful political Church threatens religious freedom, while Europe ceases to bear much resemblance to the Europe of old. There is one section of Europe the Church must fight to survive the onslaught of paganism, in the other, the problem of the Church is a financial one.

In panel discussion sessions which followed, we saw these areas more closely. Missionaries recently returned from China and Korea told of the strength and weakness of the Church in these areas. On the side of strength, Reverend Malcolm Ransom stated, that there is a growth toward an indigenous Chinese Church; that there is able, though not sufficient, leadership for that Church—that there are many in the Church who have strong convictions, many who have already suffered imprisonment or worse for their faith. Mr. Ransom believed that one of the weaknesses of the Church in China is that it is largely a middle-class Church, a product of middle-class missionaries from a middle-class Church at home, serving the middle-class in China. There is a lack of adequate social programme bearing the mark of Christian living. This, too, is a reflection of the Church at home—as is the lack of an adequate theology to meet the problems presented by the communist government. Mr. Ransom and Mr. Norman MacKenzie emphasized the faith of the communists in their beliefs and the definiteness of their social programme. Mr. Ransom told the group some of the same stories he told us in the February edition of *The Glad Tidings* under the heading of ''Liberation Diary'', to bear out his belief that communists were strongly indoctrinated in their faith.

A young medical doctor, Dr. Arnup, who has just recently returned from a year in a hospital in China, gave the viewpoint of a professional man. He saw the students, who have learned to think for themselves, in the depths of despair over the communist control of thought. They are being intellectually suffocated. Younger students have been caught by the infectious propaganda of the communists while the uneducated are guided in their thinking by the fullness of their rice bowl. As for the science of medicine, Dr. Arnup feels that the communists are taking a very short-sighted plan, in that they are doing no research. The spirit of medicine is being destroyed too, he felt. The doctors under the communist regime must consider political angles before they make any moves. The spirit of preserving life for the sake of the job itself is dying away.

Dr. Scott, a missionary recently returned from Korea, had encouraging remarks to make about that war-torn land. ''There is a substantial number of Koreans who enjoy a genuine Christian experience,'' he said. ''They have a keen sense of the worth of their faith for themselves and for the people of Korea as a whole. They have a zeal for evangelism and a willingness to suffer for their faith. There is a survival potential in the Korean Church.

The delegates were warned that they must not write off Korea as lost to the Christian cause and to democracy. ''We should not be intimidated by sacrifices and fear of risks,'' he said. The Church as a whole must stand behind the Korean Church. It must be ready to accept its share for relief and rehabilitation. Leaders must be trained, new efforts in evangelism encouraged. Dr. Scott felt that the Church should urge that the United Nations appoint Christian officers to aid in the rehabilitation of Korea.

India

The Church of South India was described by and discussed at the Conference. It has been much praised as an example of the progress that has been made in that country. Four denominations combined to form this Church: the

Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational. Each individual congregation maintains the form of worship it had before union. There is now, however, an overall government following the Episcopal pattern and incorporating in its rules important principles of the co-operating Churches. This new Church of South India has been called an adventure in fellowship. It is believed that through it there will be great opportunity for the advancement of the Kingdom of God in India.

Japan

There are serious social problems in Japan, a young Japanese student claimed. There are many "wild children". The majority of these are orphans as a result of the war. Their mothers find the world a hopeless place for they believe that their husbands died without honour when they died in a defeated army. It is difficult to survive physically. "They need hope in this world and peace in the next." The material side of Western culture is being stressed by American occupation, she stated. There is a place for the Christian Church to assist in the development of public opinion and morality in order that the people may be prepared, not only to live Christian lives but to govern themselves.

Reverend J. W. Decker, D.D.

Dr. J. W. Decker, as secretary of the International Missionary Council, was the speaker for the Conference. It was his task to sum up the discussion and to point to things which should receive immediate attention.

He stressed the fact that though we have areas of tension to-day we still have access to some of them and whether we have access or not, we must continue to support the real core of Christianity in such countries as China. There are important things to be done to maintain the feeling of fellowship with Christians within lands where we have no access. We must also do our utmost to continue and to deepen a feeling of understanding and fellowship for representatives of such countries here. We are engaged in a contest with communists for the souls of men. The communists have a message they believe it and proclaim it. We Christians have THE message. We must proclaim it. We must teach Christians the basic doctrines of the Church. We must teach the elements of the Christian faith. This must be done in the home, the Church and the school—in both junior and senior educational centres.

There must be clear teaching in social living in relation to the Christian faith. There should be more attention given to the life of the Christian community as a community. Far more attention should be given to the training of lay leadership.

We should be planning the

economic side of missions so that we are not paying the salaries of national workers. Self support should be continually encouraged.

The Christian has no need to fear that he has chosen the way of Truth. He needs only to apply the Truth to life. For him there is the realization that Jesus Himself set the pattern for His followers.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Supplies for 'Teen-Age Camps

THOSE responsible for camps for 'teen-agers are reminded of the supplies available for leaders through the Literature Department.

The Bible Study recommended for intermediates is — EXPLORING THE BIBLE WITH INTERMEDIATES by Lucile Desjardins. There are two booklets, the Leader's Guide (price .55) and the Pupil's Guidebook (price .30). Through the use of this study it is hoped that intermediates will find the Bible "come alive" for them as Bible personalities and the stirring days in which they lived become real. As they use the Bible the intermediates will gain skill in using it, treasures of stories and poetry will unfold, an understanding of the sequence of events in the Bible will be gained, and they will become aware of God's revelation through its pages. "Most of all," says the author, "shall we not earnestly seek to help boys and girls see the face of Christ shining out through the pages of the sacred Scriptures in such a way that they will be constrained to follow Him and to share with Him in building a peaceful and friendly world."

For seniors the recommended Bible Study is HALF OF LIFE OR ALL OF IT, a discussion pamphlet by Winifred Galbraith with a guide for leaders prepared by Margaret Govan. These discussions have to do with such questions as "What is the Bible?" "What has the Bible to do with me?". Suggestions are given for nine study periods, discussions and related projects. Price .35.

The Morning Watch booklets for use in camp, for individual meditation each morning are entitled "Camping—in His Presence" in it the campers are reminded that "Morning Watch is not something you do all by yourself. . . Because if you really go at it properly—sincerely and humbly—you will find that you are right in the very presence of God." Price .05 each.

Song Sheets for Camp are also available through the Literature Department.

Do not forget to have a browsing table at Camp with books containing good missionary stories for the girls to read. Titles of suitable books are listed in the *Book List* on the back cover of this magazine.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

To the Auxiliary Executives and Members:

EACH year as the reports come to us we look forward to learning what plans have been found most interesting and therefore most successful, in the auxiliaries during the year. We share them with you in the hope that you may find some suggestions that will help you.

There are 696 Senior Auxiliaries and 98 Affiliated and Associate groups with a membership of 21,552, which includes active and Home Helper members. Their total contribution to the General Fund was $153,475.15, which is an increase over 1949 of $8,177.48—a very wonderful offering. Each Auxiliary made a splendid effort but those who contributed systematically by weekly or monthly envelopes met with the greatest success.

Interchange of visits with other auxiliaries created interest and good fellowship. Programmes planned at the first of the year, printed and sent to the women of the church were found very worth while. An occasional "quiz" programme based on information to be found in *The Glad Tidings* and *The Presbyterian Record* provided much interest and good fellowship. Some auxiliaries report a few joint meetings with the Women's Association.

A commendable effort to interest a greater number of Church members in the Women's Missionary Society was made by one Auxiliary where the Executive contacted every non-member in the congregation and invited her to join the Society, either as an active or a Home Helper member. In addition to the personal invitation, an interesting, well-planned programme, an attractive meeting place, an atmosphere of friendliness at the meeting and a social hour at the close all contributed to an increased interest and a gain in membership, as did also visits made by the Home Helper and Welcome and Welfare Secretaries and by the Membership Committee. Above all it was felt that if the present members were to win others they themselves must be familiar with and deeply interested in the purpose and organization of the Society, and in its work at home and overseas.

By the time you are reading this it will be June, and you will be having your special gathering for Home Helper members or a special closing for your auxiliary. That gives us two months to plan for a special effort in September. The above plan may not be just what you would want but it is suggestive. Of one fact we must be aware —the membership in Senior Auxiliaries is decreasing. True it is that the decrease is mostly by death or removals, and auxiliaries become so small they think they cannot carry on. Nevertheless we cannot afford to ignore this yearly decrease.

Will you as an auxiliary give this your careful and prayerful consideration? We will be so glad to know what you plan to do. Let us all work together. Please write: The Auxiliary Page, *The Glad Tidings,* Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Secretary

"The June Meeting"

WE find ourselves at the half-year mark—an excellent time to consider what has been accomplished in the past six months. Have your meetings improved? Have you brought in new members? Is the total amount of your contributions better than they were last year? And as an individual member have you a better understanding of the work of our Society? Is it possible that every member in our Young Women's Department could answer "Yes" to these questions? If not there is still another six months for improvement.

Just a word about the contributions to the general fund. Will the Auxiliary Treasurers make sure that all the money on hand is sent in by the end of June. Mrs. Pye the treasurer is most anxious that you do this without fail.

We have many lovely camps throughout the various provinces. Are you planning a week-end at one of them? One simply cannot over estimate the pleasure and enthusiasm that is found in Camp life. You come home feeling so refreshed in mind and body. The excellent leaders who attend these camps bring such inspiring messages that we do hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity of attending a camp; if not for a week, at least a week-end. When you are discussing camps, have you thought of the children in Mission Band and Sunday School, who would be so thrilled to attend camp if someone would pay their fare? If your auxiliary would send one little fellow to camp it would bring much pleasure and satisfaction both to you and the little camper.

It is not too late for you to register or to provide the means for some child to go.

May each one have an enjoyable holiday and come back to the work with renewed strength and inspiration.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

The Cleverness of the Tongue

BY ELSIE BELL GARDNER

THERE is scarcely any end to the usefulness of the tongue. That is true of the tongues of the lower animals even; but it is still more true of our tongues, as they are used by us for speaking. So important is the tongue as an organ of speech that we often say "a foreign tongue" when we mean a foreign language, and even when we say language we refer to the tongue, for lingua is Latin for the tongue.

The tongue is really a group of muscles some running from root to lip some running across. Any of the muscles can be used apart from the others or in combination with them. The tongue is used every time we swallow. It moves the food around in our mouths so that it will be properly caught between the various teeth, and cut up, and chewed. The tongue too, keeps the mouth clean and free from anything it does not want to swallow. But, beyond all these other uses, the tongue is wonderful because it is the organ of taste. There are four principal kinds of taste, and there are special nerves in the tongue for each kind. They are sweet, salt, acid and bitter. The sense of taste does not exist to tempt us to eat. If we are really hungry, we can enjoy dry, stale bread, which has scarcely any taste. People who have lost their tongues or their sense of taste still get hungry like other people. The power to taste exists not to persuade us to eat but to help us to choose. We see this when we say a person has "good taste". When we say it of a nicely dressed girl we do not mean that she is hungry for clothes but that she chooses well the things that suit her.

Our tongues can really make us happy well-adjusted people, or cause us to ruin our lives, and it is when we are in our teens that we should learn to control our tongues. We all know people who go out of their way to say pleasant things, and we like to be with them. We also know the brash people who keep us laughing at their jokes. We enjoy being with them too. The first are the sweet souls, the second the salt. These are the ones who work for the betterment of others. Then we have the people with the acid tongues. They pride themselves on saying what is in their minds no matter whom they hurt. How we dread being with them! The bitter people are to be pitied. They have spent their lives in hating others, and in raking up past hurts, and imagined slights.

We have four choices. What will you choose?

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

Hello! Hello!

(Little girl at the telephone)

Hello, little Indian Maiden,
Away in the far off West,
I wish I could clasp your slim brown hand
And touch your embroidered vest.

Do you get very sad and lonesome
And wear little mocassin shoes?
Out in the woods do you play all day
And do what ever you choose?

Do they put your hair up in papers
To make it curl at night?
Do you know any fairy stories
Of brownies and pixies bright?

(Indian girl at the other end of the phone)

Hello, little fair faced maiden,
In the East so far away;
Indian children have work to do
And cannot always play.

If only you'd come to see me,
I'd tell you some stories queer,
Of the ways of the wood and the river
The ways of the fish and the deer.

But better than any other is the story I have heard
It was told by a white faced brother,
He said 'twas the Father's word.
That all white faced and brown faced children
Were made by the Father above,
So you are my own little sister,
Will you not give me your love?
Good-bye.

Author unknown.

Time for Prayers

Dear God, who made the world so fair,
And art the Lord and King of all,
We give Thee thanks that Thou dost love
Thy little children everywhere.

We thank Thee, God, that Thou didst send
Thy Son, a little child, to earth,
To grow like us and play and work,
And be to all a kindly Friend.

We thank Thee for Thy Book which tells
That He did call the children near,
That He did bless and talk with them
And made them feel that they were dear.

We thank Thee, God, that Jesus taught
That all could talk to Thee in prayer,
That Thou, "Our Father", ever near,
Dost ever bend a listening ear.

—Louise Reith.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Synodical Society of British Columbia was held in West Point Grey Church, **Vancouver.** Mrs. Robert Pollock presided. The departmental reports showed increasing interest in the missionary effort, especially in the younger departments.

Of special interest were resumes of the activities of our own workers. Miss Marjorie MacKay, Miss Gertrude Scott, Miss Ruth Yeandle, Miss Catherine Watson and Miss Grace Mackay spoke of the deaconess work, Chinese missions, Children's Centre and Regional work in British Columbia Synodical.

Rev. K. C. Doka spoke on his work among the Hungarians. Rev. J. Bigelow urged that along with a wider vision, we incorporate solid achievement.

Kootenay Presbyterial—The thirty-seventh annual meeting of Kootenay Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Cranbrook.** Delegates attended from Trail, Nelson, Kimberley, and Cranbrook. Mrs. Robert Pollock, Synodical President and Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary, were present. Rev. T. E. Roulston showed coloured moving pictures of Lake Wasa Camp. Miss Marjorie MacKay, deaconess, addressed the afternoon session. The newly formed C.G.I.T. group, with its leader, Miss Millar, was present.

Victoria Presbyterial — Representatives of Victoria Presbyterial—from Port Alberni, Nanaimo and Victoria, attended the Synodical Meeting at West Point Grey Church, Vancouver.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Victoria** heard Miss Constance Brandon at a special Easter meeting.

Rev. C. Schill addressed the St. Paul's Auxiliary, Victoria, for their Thank-offering meeting. He spoke of the work in Southern Rhodesia, where he ministered prior to coming to Canada.

Westminster Presbyterial — A children's rally was held in Fairview Church, **Vancouver.** One hundred and ten children and thirty-one adults were present. Miss Ruth Yeandle gave a very interesting flannelgraph talk.

The members and friends of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary were privileged to view one of the latest films to come out of China: ''China Challenge'', at their Spring Thank-offering meeting.

ALBERTA

MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, 1422-26A ST.
S.W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. George Metcalfe, of Calgary, was elected to her fourth term as President of the Synodical Society of Alberta, at the annual meeting held in Grace Church, **Calgary.**

Registration figures showed that sixty-four delegates were present: from Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Olds, Red Deer, Willowdale, Edwell, Three Hills, Carstairs, Banff, Calgary and Medicine Hat. A welcome was given to the delegates by Mrs. F. S. Morley of Grace Church.

Splendid reports were given by all secretaries, with helpful suggestions from many. The suggestions included: that the Home Helpers and Welcome and Welfare Secretaries work more closely with the Library Secretary in the distribution of magazines and Church papers; that we try to interest more of our women in *The Glad Tidings;* that we try to interest more of our women and girls in the excellent supply of books and slides in our Literature and Visual Aids departments; that all of our auxiliaries give assistance to their congregations in planning for Vacation Bible Schools and Leadership Training courses, particularly when we have such splendid opportunity for the latter at the Presbyterian Training School, Medicine Hat; that more interest be shown by our Presbyterials in the smaller points, where women are nobly trying to carry on the work, with so little contact or inspiration from the larger centres. The Treasurer reported that all allocations had been met, with an overall increase over 1949. It was reported that a W.M.S. van has been operating in Red Deer Presbytery and has done splendid work in outlying districts where there are no Church services or Sunday Schools. A similar van is being sent to work in the Peace River district.

An impressive feature of one session was a memorial service in memory of the late Mrs. D. G. McQueen. It was conducted by Mrs. R. H. MacMicking of Edmonton.

At the Wednesday evening meeting, a pageant was presented by Calgary Presbyterial, under the leadership of Mrs. C. E. Jamieson, when each one of our workers, National and Overseas, was represented. A most impressive picture of the size of our mission staff was given.

On Thursday evening, we enjoyed a splendid set of slides shown by Mrs. C. P. Young, who with her late husband, spent many years on the Bhil field in India.

Other visiting speakers at the various sessions were: Miss Marguerite Quickfall, who is doing work at the Training School in Medicine Hat; Rev. M. S. Blackburn, Chairman of the Training School Board, who urged the whole Synodical to support with their whole hearts this new venture of our Church; Dr. K. D. Toth, of the Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Calgary; Rev. R. J. Burton and Dr. F. S. Morley.

Macleod Presbyterial—Several members of the Isabel Taylor Guild and St. John's Senior Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, attended the Macleod Presbyterial held in **Macleod.** Rev. M. A. Mark of Lethbridge brought greetings from Calgary Presbytery. Mrs. C. P. Young, returned missionary from India gave an inspiring address on the theme: Sowing the Seed. She outlined the history of Presbyterian work among the Bhils. Following the address, Mrs. Young installed the officers for 1951.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056,
Weyburn, Press Secretary

THE annual meeting of Saskatoon Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Saskatoon.** Delegates from Wilkie, North Battleford, Rosetown, and Biggar were among those who registered. ''Love, Joy, Peace and Faith'' was the theme of the meeting. Miss J. E. Walls presided at all the sessions. Reports given by all the secretaries were most encouraging. Children's groups showed special promise and increased membership. Miss Walls in commenting on the fact that the allocation had been exceeded, pointed out that it had been largely possible because of the response of small groups in the Presbyterial.

Rev. D. T. Evans was the guest speaker. The Historian's report which recalled the beginnings of the Presbyterial and some of its early leaders, paid special tribute to Mrs. M. Grant of Saskatoon, a charter member who has been and still is, an inspiration to all. Mrs. T. J. White was elected President. Rev. J. M. Young conducted the installation service and closed the sessions with an address.

Rosetown—Mrs. Olive Quinney, President of the Junior Ladies' Club Rosetown, was in charge of the Easter Thankoffering meeting held jointly by the junior and senior auxiliaries. The Ladies' Aid were guests. Mrs. Roy Manning, gave a missionary talk based on letters from Presbyterian missionaries in India. Mrs. Quinney brought a very full and interesting report of the Presbyterial which she attended as a delegate, in Saskatoon.

MANITOBA

Mrs. J. Gibb, 308 S. Mark St.,
Fort William, Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Church, **Brandon.** In spite of the severe weather there was a good turn out of ladies from Minnedosa, Carberry, Hartney, Melita, Wellwood and St. Andrew's and First Church, Brandon. Reports covering all phases of the work during 1950 were read and a marked advance was seen in all departments.

A most interesting address was given by Miss Hazel Turnbull, student deaconess, of her field work in the Courval district during the past summer. The officers for 1951 were installed by the Reverend John Fox of St. Andrew's Church, Brandon.

Superior Presbyterial—A joint Thankoffering meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of First Church, Port Arthur, was held recently. Mrs. W. J. Stirrett presided and opened the meeting with prayer. This was followed with a hymn and prayer by Reverend J. A. McMahon. Members of the C.G.I.T. sang. Miss Grace Hine, Baptist missionary in this area, was guest speaker and took as her topic ''Lord of Life''.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

IN opening the 37th annual meeting of the Hamilton and London Synodical Society, held in St. Andrew's Church, **Sarnia,** Dr. J. M. MacGillivray, said: ''I trust that the whole of your gathering will be in a spirit of devotion''.

The theme of the meeting: ''The Gospel of Peace'' was exemplified in many ways throughout the three-day session—by the President in her opening remarks; by the musical offerings; by the speakers and by the encouraging reports given by the secretaries.

The President, Mrs. D. Munro, presided at all sessions. Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer, were honoured guests. Rev. R. W. Williams brought greetings from Presbytery. Rev. D. Seaton of Paterson Memorial Church was in charge of devotions Wednesday morning.

Mrs. P. J. McEwen, President of Sarnia Presbyterial, welcomed the delegates to the Presbyterial. In bringing greetings from the Synod, Rev. Donald MacInnis of Ridgetown, the Moderator, told us that the Synod of Hamilton and London is as old as Canada itself.

Mrs. G. R. Pye in bringing Greetings from Council, commended Hamilton and London Synodicals for the magnificent piece of work done last year. Rev. Finlay Stewart of Kitchener, in his address, referred to the many qualifications for the ideal W.M.S. member—the first and greatest being that of holding a conviction about great eternal truths and eternal things. If we believed Christ to be the Redeemer of the world, we would have 100 per cent membership. We must be well informed and have a true sense of worship.

A tour of the city proved a most delightful and educational outing, and one greatly appreciated. A pageant portraying the organizing of St. Andrew's Auxiliary in 1876 was well staged and much enjoyed by all the delegates as they viewed the costumes of by-gone days and heard the motion "that the meeting be held at 3 o'clock and that they remain for prayer meeting."

Mrs. Pae introduced Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary. She told much of the work she did throughout the Western provinces. "We cannot afford to stand still", she said. "Only as our Church to-day becomes a missionary Church, can we advance."

Rev. A. K. Campbell of Laurel Lea, Sarnia, opened the Thursday sessions with devotions. Mrs. Allan, President of Hamilton Presbyterial extended a cordial invitation for the Synodical to meet in Hamilton in 1951.

In her closing address, Mrs. Munro spoke from Hebrews: Paul was speaking to the Christians of his day, yet Paul's words are for the average Christian of to-day. Our ministry in our churches as in our Sunday Schools must be a ministry of love. In appreciation of her leadership for the past four years as Synodical President, Mrs. Munro was presented with a corsage by the Executive.

In installing the officers for the ensuing year, Mrs. Pae read an excerpt from a very old government document in which it was recommended that the members see the things pertaining to God as paramount in their lives. Mrs. W. C. Stauth, Windsor, then took the chair as the new Synodical President. In a few words before closing the meeting, she urged that each member realize her individual responsibility in carrying forward the work of the Master.

Chatham Presbyterial—A very happy evening was spent at the home of Mrs. J. F. Fletcher when the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of First Church, **Chatham**, celebrated its 22nd birthday. This coincided with their Easter Thank-offering meeting. In her talk, Mrs. Gordon Milne took as her theme: "Caring for the Roots." Easter is the foundation day of the Christian Church and the root of Christian missions. Mrs. J. F. Fletcher was presented with an Honorary Life Membership. In making the presentation, Mrs. Charteris told the group that it was Mrs. Fletcher's interest in her teen-age Sunday School class, later in C.G.I.T. which inspired the organization of the Goforth group. Mrs. W. E. Stauth was the guest speaker. She spoke on the history of mission work.

The Eleanor McKechnie Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** had Mrs. Zoltan Irshay of Detroit as guest speaker for the Easter Thank-offering meeting.

Mrs. W. E. Stauth spoke at the Easter Thank-offering of First Church Auxiliary, Chatham.

Mrs. D. St. Clair Campbell spoke on "The Garden Of the Resurrection", at St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, Easter Thank-offering service.

Mrs. Donald McLaren, gave an excellent report of the Synodical meeting at the April meeting of the **Duart** Auxiliary.

Huron Presbyterial—The MacGillivray Mission Band of Knox Church, **Goderich,** commenced the year with semi-monthly meetings, one devotional, the other a work meeting. One of their projects is to give assistance to the building fund of the church.

Members of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, Goderich, gave part of their regular W.M.S. meeting recently to a project for the assistance of their church building fund. At this meeting a letter from Mrs. B. F. Andrew, British Guiana was read.

Mrs. C. Cutt was hostess to the Arthur Circle of Knox Church, Goderich when Mrs. C. Miller read the history of this Circle since its organization in 1912.

Mrs. W. J. Thompson gave a talk on our work among New Canadians at the meeting of the auxiliary of First Church, **Seaforth.** A letter from Dr. Hugh MacMillan of Taiwan (Formosa) was read.

The Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary, Seaforth heard a very interesting letter telling of the work of Miss Irene Kong, Chinese worker among the Chinese in Toronto.

London Presbyterial — The Wilkie Evening Auxiliary of St. George's Church, **London,** recently celebrated its 25th anniversary at a banquet in the Sunday School rooms of the church. Mrs. J. A. Elliot, Ailsa Craig was the speaker; her subject ''Christian Service.'' Mrs. S. J. Grosvenor was the recipient of an Honorary Life Membership. Mrs. J. R. Waldie made the presentation. It was the deep and abiding impression made by Dr. Wilkie and his work on Mrs. Grosvenor, that inspired the organization of this missionary group.

Maitland Presbyterial — Maitland Presbyterial was pleased to have Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, as guest at two Mission Band rallies. One the latter part of April in **Kincardine**; the other early in May at **Wingham.**

Mrs. D. J. Lane of Clinton was the speaker at the Easter Thank-offering service held by St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Wingham.**

Sarnia Presbyterial—Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary spent three weeks of March in Sarnia Presbyterial doing survey and leadership work. Her itinerary was arranged by the Presbyterial Children's Work Secretary, Mrs. Alfred J. Hillies. It is felt that splendid results may be seen in the near future.

Stratford Presbyterial — Stratford Presbyterial had the privilege of having Miss Lily Macarthur visit St. Mary's, Shakespeare, Stratford, Mitchell and Listowel. Miss Macarthur demonstrated teaching methods and showed how Biblical truths could be presented in many ways. Miss Macarthur's visit was the means of stimulating anew a vital interest in the spiritual welfare of our children.

Plans to hold the June conference at Atwood on June 12, were made at an executive meeting of Stratford Presbyterial recently. Mrs. James Erskine of Monkton, presided.

The Young Women's Auxiliary of North Mornington Church was hostess for a Y.W.A. Presbyterial rally held in Burns' Presbyterian Church, **Milverton.** Members of the Evening Department and from Listowel and Stratford were present. Two challenging addresses were given by Miss Lily Macarthur and Miss Grace Irvine.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE Annual Meeting of the Synodical Society was held in Tweedsmuir Memorial Church, **Orangeville.** The theme of the meeting was "That the world through Him might be saved", and over three hundred delegates and visitors heard stirring messages and enlightened reports: Miss Frieda Matthews, Executive Secretary, National Missions and Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary spoke of the work done by our Society in Canada. Much has been done but much remains to be done, the opportunities are many and the responsibility a great one and the greatest need is for more workers. Consecrated fulltime workers. While it is splendid to reach our allocation that is not enough, we need more workers. The Church and our Society must follow the people to the remote parts of our land and to the new settlements springing up around our towns and cities. We must continue to lift up Jesus Christ now.

Much interest was shown in the missionary van which was on display at Orangeville. This is the third van which the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has in service in Western Canada and this one will serve in the Peace River country.

A very warm welcome was extended the delegates on behalf of Tweedsmuir Memorial Church by the minister, Reverend John Nute and by Mrs. R. D. Fraser, president of Orangeville Presbyterial. Greetings were brought from Council by Mrs. Pae and a letter of greeting read from the Moderator of Synod, Dr. W. T. McCree.

Speaking at the Wednesday afternoon session Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) gave a vivid picture of the tremendous task facing the Church today. The Church is a minority group in a non-Christian world. There is a Christian Church throughout the world because a few people sent out missionaries and maintained them. Looking at some of the "advance" work done, Mrs. Pae said that the first mobile clinic had arrived in India and the second one was ordered. New teaching plans allowed students to learn new farming methods and gives work training to graduate teachers. A household science teacher has gone out to the Helen Macdonald School.

In interior Formosa twelve graduates of the Bible School went into the villages establishing churches until now there are fifty churches, mostly self-supporting.

We must have the vision of Christ and God will give it if we ask Him. This is our day of opportunity we will never have it again, so with the vision before us let us go forward with this advance while it is yet day for us.

On Wednesday evening Reverend John Nute introduced Reverend Malcolm Ransom who recently returned from the mission outpost Kienshu Yunnan, China. Mr. Ransom told of his experiences in four years spent in that country. He expressed satisfaction that he had been permitted to serve in that strategic land whose people comprise one quarter of mankind and which at this time is a key nation in the problem of world order. It was good, he said to serve at this strategic time just before the doors closed, as they seem to have done, to effective foreign missionary activity, and to have stood by the side of some of the Chinese Christians as they met the first onslaught of the fiery trial of communism. He spoke of the unusually high calibre of Chinese Christian leaders to be found in all levels of the church, though numerically small yet they stood high in the Conference of the Christian Church. He deplored the fact that we had a century and a half in which to evangelize China and we failed. This is no time, he said, to slacken our missionary effort, but rather it is time to advance to a great new missionary programme and to plan for more aggressive missionary policy on the part of our church in all fields that still remain open.

A loving tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mrs. H. C. McKellar who was the last president of the Provincial Society.

Adding to the enjoyment of the different sessions was the Pageant presented by the Fellowship Group of Tweedsmuir Church, the anthems by the choir, and C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups and solos by Mrs. Arnold Patterson, Mrs. Bath and Mr. D. Stoddard.

We are glad to report an increase of 16 groups and 250 members, but regret the decrease of *Glad Tidings* Subscriptions. We are happy to report too, that the increased objective of $72,000.00 for the General Fund has been exceeded.

Mrs. J. M. Burnett, Welcome and Welfare Secretary on Council Executive conducted the election and installation of officers. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson was re-elected president and in her closing remarks urged that we think not only of the high-lights but also of our weaknesses. We must pray for power and strength to fulfil our purpose, and press on, ever unsatisfied till the world through Him may be saved.

Orangeville Presbyterial — Orangeville Presbyterial met at **Ventry** for their Annual Meeting. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial was guest speaker and chose for her subject—''The Task of the Christian Church'' which is to show Jesus Christ to the world.

The sectional meeting of Orangeville Presbyterial North was addressed by Mr. Wenchi Kim a Korean pastor from Japan who is attending Knox College. Mr. Kim said wars are caused by sin in the human heart and the gospel is the only remedy for the individual as well as for the nation.

Swinton Park Auxiliary had Mrs. Gordon, mother of their student minister, a former missionary in China, as their guest speaker. They also presented a life membership and raised money to augment the gift left to Orangeville Presbyterial for the work of Mrs. Rumball in Japan. **Erin Auxiliary** heard a most interesting talk on Japan by Mrs. W. Turner of Hillsburg and were interested in the display of pottery, silks and pictures sent by her daughter from Japan.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Orangeville Auxiliary Reverend Thomas Maxwell recently returned from British Guiana, told of his work and showed coloured slides. An interesting Thank-offering meeting was held by **Mono Road** Auxiliary when a good representation of Presbyterial officers were present and gave an outline of their various departments.

Peterborough Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker was guest speaker when a meeting was held to organize an affiliated Young Women's group at the Manse, Bowmanville.

Toronto East Presbyterial—The sixtieth anniversary of the Auxiliary of Queen Street East Presbyterian Church was attended by over a hundred members and friends. At this time the Auxiliary was named the Annie A. Noble Auxiliary, in honour of the deaconess of the church, who has for many years been a loved and esteemed member of the society. A very happy evening was spent with greetings and messages in song and poetry, and the presentation of two life-memberships.

On May 5th, 1876 the Willing Workers' Missionary Auxiliary (then known as the Willing Workers' Mission Band) was organized in old Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, situated on the property where the Robert Simpson Company now stands at the corner of Queen and Yonge Streets.

The Willing Workers' Auxiliary has the distinction of being the oldest organization in the oldest Presbyterian Church in Toronto and is the first organization of its kind in Canada.

On May 4th, 1951, the Willing Workers celebrated their 75th anniversary. A pageant entitled ''Footprints on the Sands of Time'' was presented in Knox Sunday School room by members of the Willing Workers' Evening Auxiliary, Knox Senior Auxiliary, Mildred Gehman Evening Auxiliary, Canadian Girls in Training, Explorers, Mission Band and Knox Teenagers. The history of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) 1864-1951, was portrayed and costumes of early days in Canada gave a colorful and picturesque setting for the story.

At the close of the pageant the Willing Workers' were at home to their many friends when much reminiscing took place over a cup of tea.

The Committee in charge of the programme was composed of Miss Flora Macdonald, Mrs. Bernice Tighe, Miss Margaret Robertson, Miss Mary McCullough, Miss Margaret Hopper and Miss Vera Carson.

Toronto West Presbyterial—Reverend J. Alan Munro, secretary of the Board of Missions, spoke to the John Wilkie Auxiliary of Chalmers Church at their thank-offering meeting, and showed moving pictures taken while visiting the mission fields in Formosa, Japan and India.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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OTTAWA Presbyterial—The Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. Scott Murray was guest speaker at St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Aylmer.** Her talk was based on the text ''Trust in The Lord Thy God.'' Mrs. Murray also told of the life and work of the Reverend James Nisbet, pioneer Missionary and Minister in the West. As this meeting was the 64th Anniversary of the Auxiliary, the president, Mrs. Fuller gave a brief history of the Society from 1887 to 1951. Reverend Norman McKay brought a message of encouragement.

Easter Thank-offering meetings have been held in many of the Auxiliaries. The D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Ottawa,** heard an address by Reverend A. Ian Burnett on ''The Challenge of Home Missions today in Canada, in our Church''. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. H. C. Ellis, and Mrs. A. C. Rynard dedicated the offering. Miss Miriam Wilkinson sang a solo.

Miss Jessie McLeod was guest speaker at Erskine Auxiliary, **Ottawa.** Her subject was ''Christianity in Europe''. Mrs. Robert Good presided, and reports were heard from Departmental Secretaries.

At St. Giles Auxiliary Mrs. B. H. Dowler was in charge of Devotions, and gave a beautiful Easter message on The Resurrection. Under the direction of Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, the C.G.I.T. girls, with their leader Miss Margaret Moon at the piano, presented a Pageant—''The Healing Cross'', which depicted the characters: Sorrow, Worry and Trouble, Sin and Indifference, who, with guidance from two Evangels, finally were led to The Healing Cross, and in thankfulness for Salvation, went out to tell others. The Pageant closed with the girls, Bibles in hands, repeating the C.G.I.T. Pledge.

Quebec Presbyterial — The Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Sherbrooke,** met at the Manse to discuss and approve a Constitution for their Organization. Reverend Ross Adams spoke to a large group on ''Mary and Martha'', and conducted the business re the Constitution. Mrs. Donald Bornhold is President of the group, who have approved dividing their funds equally between Missionary endeavours, and the work of the local church. Their study for the year is, ''Women of The Bible''. This group held an interesting Thank-Offering Meeting, when Mrs. Jacques Smith of Melbourne, wife of the French Presbyterian Minister, gave in a most impressive way, an outline of their work in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

A Mission Band was organized in St. Andrew's, **Sherbrooke,** in March, when a large number of enthusiastic boys and girls attended. The leader, Mrs. Ross Adams conducted the meeting, and the Candle-lighting Service was led by Mrs. G. Stevenson, Auxiliary President. Enrollment cards and Mite-boxes were distributed to all the members.

The Organization meeting of **Upper Melbourne** Mission Band was held in the Church Hall on March 10th, with Mrs. Brown conducting the meeting. Nineteen boys and girls joined, and thoroughly enjoyed their first meeting. Friends of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Congregation, Melbourne and Richmond, Quebec, might be thrilled to know that we are still holding forth in a church that has passed its 108th Birthday.

Corrections

1. In the material on the Children's Department page of the April issue of *The Glad Tidings* the following line was omitted:

"England was our home where live our king and queen."
This should be inserted after the line:
"From Ireland my folks came, it's coloured emerald green."

2. In the article "What is *L'Aurore*" which appeared in the January issue of *The Glad Tidings,* it was stated that Edmond Rivard was one of the successors to Mr. Rondeau as Editor of *L'Aurore* and should have read Alfred E. Rivard, son of the late founder and the only surviving member of that large family.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

April 30th, 1951

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A Friend, "For Miss Isabel McConnell"	$ 10.00
A Friend	50.78
Miss M. Thomson, Uxbridge, Ontario	25.00
Miss Irene Jones, Trail, British Columbia, "Work of Miss Dorothy Douglas"	116.00
Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	740.20
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	3,529.24
Pension rates received from Workers	20.00
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	460.00
Alberta	400.00
Manitoba	452.49
Manitoba, Supplies	32.50
Toronto and Kingston	5,000.00
Hamilton and London	6,400.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	134.25
Montreal and Ottawa	3,845.00
	$21,215.46

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	$3,897.86
Cecilia Jeffrey School	166.65
Birtle, Government Grant	3,583.81
Birtle School	183.33
Deaconesses	1,110.29
Chinese in Canada	1,070.60
Port Work	133.33
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	426.15
St. Margaret's Girls' Centre	294.82
National Advance	203.75
Expenses of two Vans	255.00
Missionaries' payments made in Canada on request	419.84
New Missionary	108.33
Missionaries' Expenses	1,039.45
Education of Overseas Students	66.50
Education of Candidate (Ewart Trust Fund)	32.50
Candidates	35.00
Pension rates deposited in Pension Fund	652.51
Taiwan	145.00
Christian Literature	400.00
Organization	1,449.90
Publications	800.76
Exchange	33.52
Administration	2,174.65
Supplies	1,109.44
Visual Aids	5.77
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Payments from 1950 Balance	4,000.00
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Insurance and Taxes	191.26
Life Membership	80.98
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Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere Property	$ 25.00
Interest	196.50
Estate of Miss Birdie Russell, through Willing Workers Auxiliary, Knox Church, Toronto, "Equipment for Third Van"	150.00
Special Fund—	
Synod of Manitoba, payment on loan to Prescawa Camp	562.00
Interest	75.00

Pension Fund—	
Interest	9.50
Annuity rates from workers	652.51
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	66.50
Miss Margaret Jamieson, Highgate, Ontario, "Student from Bhil Field to Study in Jhansi"	35.00
Miss Martin, Sarnia, Ontario, "Student from Bhil Field to Study in Jhansi"	50.00
	$1,822.01

DISBURSEMENTS:

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Education of Student in Taiwan	60.00
Legacy Fund—	
Additional payment on third Van	10.00
	$ 70.00

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COUNCIL MEETING 1951

AS already announced the meeting of the Council of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is to be held in First Church, Regina, Saskatchewan, September 25th to 28th.

The opening session is on Tuesday at 2 p.m. On Tuesday evening Rev. W. A. Cameron, D.D. will give an address on British Guiana. It is hoped that missionaries home on furlough will be present to speak. On the following days there will be a presentation of the Society's work, panel discussion and conferences, that should prove interesting and instructive.

All sessions are open to any one wishing to attend but only delegates may vote and receive entertainment (billet). It is hoped that as many as possible will plan to come. At the meeting in Calgary in 1949 a number attended who were not delegates. It is twenty-five years since the Council Meeting was held in Saskatchewan. In May 1926 it was held in Saskatoon and it is recorded that there were 81 who came at their own expense from Saskatchewan alone. At that meeting Dr. Cameron installed the officers and he will do so again this year.

We are arranging to travel on the Standard certificate plan. For further information see page 251 in the June *Glad Tidings* or write Miss Nellie Smith, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario.

—*(Mrs. W. A.)*
Beatrice S. McLennan.

Vacation Tours Arranged!

BY LOUISE A. REITH

IT was the last meeting of the Auxiliary before the summer vacation and everyone was discussing holiday plans. Some were going to distant places in Canada, others as far away as the Old Land. Gaily Janet Lindsay wished the travellers "happy holiday" but deep down in her heart was a twinge of envy. With four children one could not travel far. She did not doubt that her summer with them at the cottage would be as interesting and full of fun as usual but she did wish she could see more of the world than she had managed to so far. These thoughts were in her mind as she set out for home. Walking quickly she soon caught up to Miss Susan Murray, a member of the group, who was always there to help everyone get just what they needed for preparing the Auxiliary programmes. "Ask Miss Murray!" were the words often heard when they were in doubt about the various pieces of work being done by the Women's Missionary Society.

Janet began the conversation with the current question, "What are you doing in your holidays, Miss Murray?" As soon as she asked she was sorry because she knew well that Miss Murray never got far from home and the invalid sister for whom she cared. But Miss Murray's eyes twinkled as she answered, "Oh, I've just finished planning my trip for this summer and I think it is going to be one of the best I have ever taken." Janet could not hide her amazement and seeing it Miss Murray laughed. "Oh, I'm really quite sane. I go on the same kind of trips every summer. You have heard that 'There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away', haven't you? Well books are the frigates I travel in. A remarkably inexpensive way to travel too."

"That is an idea!" exclaimed Janet Lindsay. "I was just feeling sorry for myself because I was only going to the cottage with the children, perhaps I might travel your way too. Where are you going?"

Readily Miss Murray began. "First of all I am going to take a quick tour around the world with Christ's messengers from the very beginning of the Christian Church as they carried His message to the various lands. That sounds like a long trip but I am going via **FOR-**

WARD THROUGH THE AGES, the last book written by Basil Mathews, and as he said in the preface, "The most amazing true mystery story of all time is the expansion of the tiny group of followers of a crucified village Carpenter into a world-wide fellowship vaster in numbers than any other one group of any kind in all history." Actually it is just an average size book and written in a most interesting way. After that I am going to return to some of the places in which I am particularly interested for brief visits. You know how concerned everyone is about the Church in China, well I am going to try to find out something about it in COMMUNIST CHINA: WHAT OF THE CHURCH? You remember that our missionaries, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, and Miss McConnell in turn have served on the staff of the Christian Medical College at Vellore, South India, and that this autumn Mrs. Gehman is going there. I am going there too to see how it all began, via the little frigate DR. IDA. Last year when we were thinking about Japan I did not get Kagawa's poems read so I'm going to get glimpses of Japan through SONGS FROM THE LAND OF DAWN. One could not really go to Korea just now but I can through TRAGEDY AND FAITH IN KOREA and gain there an understanding of that country. Next year at our meetings we will be thinking particularly about South America. I hope to have time to see something of that land and its people through WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH and HE WEARS ORCHIDS and to renew my knowledge of the beginning of our Church's work in British Guiana through FOCUS ON BRITISH GUIANA. I know this sounds like quite a trip but I think I can make it."

Janet Lindsay had listened with growing interest. She began to see how it was that Miss Murray could give all the answers. "That *is* a trip!" she said. "I may not be able to manage it all but certainly I am going with you some of the way."

Miss Murray nodded approval as she continued. "Don't forget, Mrs. Lindsay, to let the children travel too. Your wee one can go to many lands via the Nursery Series. She can make friends with AH FU in China, KEMBO in Africa, ESA in Palestine, MITSU in Japan. Jack and Sally could have quite a trip in FAR ROUND THE WORLD and AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BIBLE as well as by way of many other stories from different lands, while your 'teen-age Mary would enjoy a visit to China via TAI LEE'S PRECIOUS SEED, to Bible Lands via PEARLS ARE MADE and to SOUTH AMERICA via THE TRADED TWINS. Be sure to lay in a supply of frigates for them for rest times and rainy days. I will be glad to help you choose the frigates."

Janet laughed. "Really, Miss Murray, you should set up a travel bureau. How do you know about all these frigates?"

Miss Murray glanced slyly at Janet as she answered. "Well, perhaps you remember that I am your Auxiliary Literature Secretary. I watch the Literature Page in the *Glad Tidings* every month and the Book Lists. I get copies of the books on approval to look them over. When I want books on particular countries or for certain ages I write to our Presbyterial Literature Secretary or to the Literature Department for suggestions. Yes, and at our meetings I mention them to the rest of you too."

Janet blushed. "Yes, you do, Miss Murray, but you are never given much time. Are you?" Without waiting for an answer Janet continued. "I have an idea. I am going to invite some of my friends in for tea next Saturday afternoon and you are going to come and tell them how to take a vacation tour via book frigates. Yes, you are, and next year—well, next year I'm going to suggest that our Literature Secretary get more time on our programmes. I prophesy you will be kept busy arranging tours for all of us."

See *Book List* for prices.

Prayer

Our Father, we thank Thee for the return of summer, for the glory of earth and sky, for Thy great out-of-doors, and for the joy of living in closer friendship with trees and fields and lakes and hills. We thank Thee for all happy holidays, for the time of rest and recreation, the days that are different. We thank Thee, that for most of us some rest days come, and we pray Thee, our Father, for those to whom they are denied. We bless Thee for the spirit of helpfulness that sends so many weary mothers and little children to rest and play in open fields and beside cool waters, and we thank Thee, too, for the season that enables so many shut-in people in homes and hospitals, to live again in the open.

Wilt Thou bless abundantly the leaders and children who gather in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools for instruction and recreation. May the camps sponsored by our Church for girls and boys and young people be such that a lasting influence will be exerted on the lives of all who attend.

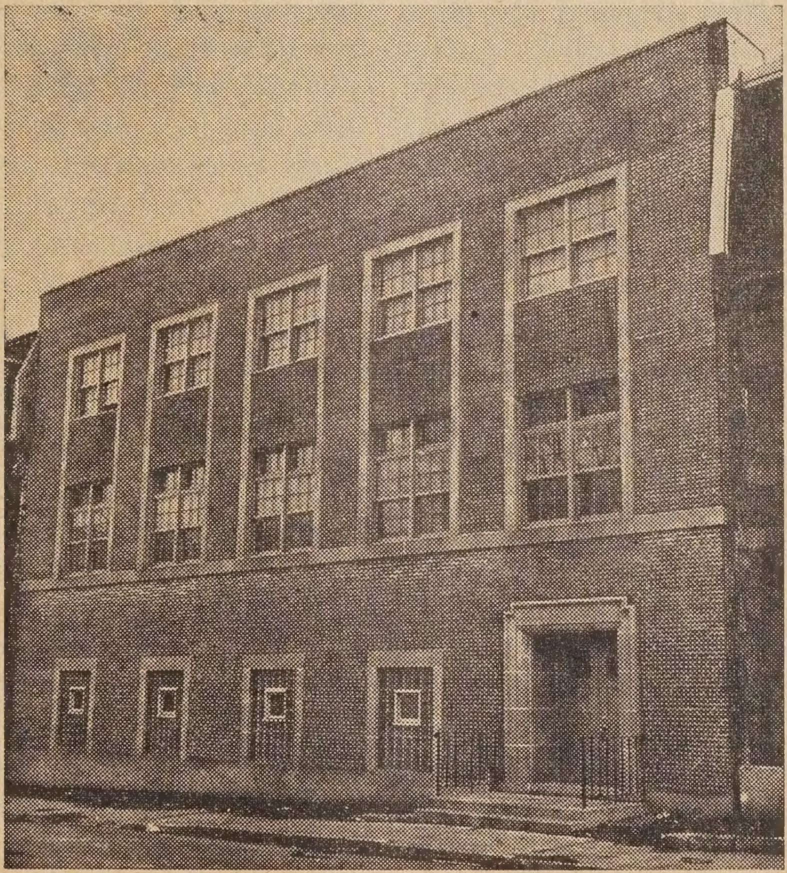
We would pray for the six young women who are in charge of the three vans during these summer months. Give them courage and patience and wisdom and a great love as they take the message of the Church to many homes as yet unreached by the Church.

In Thy mercy pardon all our sins and keep us Thine, for Christ's sake. Amen.

A Character Builder

EVERY city, town and village in Canada is having its housing problem, but in the city of Montreal a very special housing project is nearing completion. The new Tyndale House — long the dream of Montreal people has its outward form complete—is housing all of its large family in its various group work, as carpenters and painters are nearing the completion of an up-to-date three-storey building.

What is Tyndale House? Many of our members remember that it is an important piece of social work being done in Montreal. Our Society has sponsored a Nursery School there for the last number of years. But just to refresh your memory we will quote from the new folder which the Tyndale House Board is circulating now. Tyndale House is: "A Community Centre, under the direction of The Presbyterian Church. It was founded in 1926. Is there any one word which most accurately describes the objectives of this institution? Yes — character-building. What methods are used in the effort to build character? Sunday School and Sunday morning service; very young children are



Tyndale House—870 Richmond Street, Montreal, P.Q.

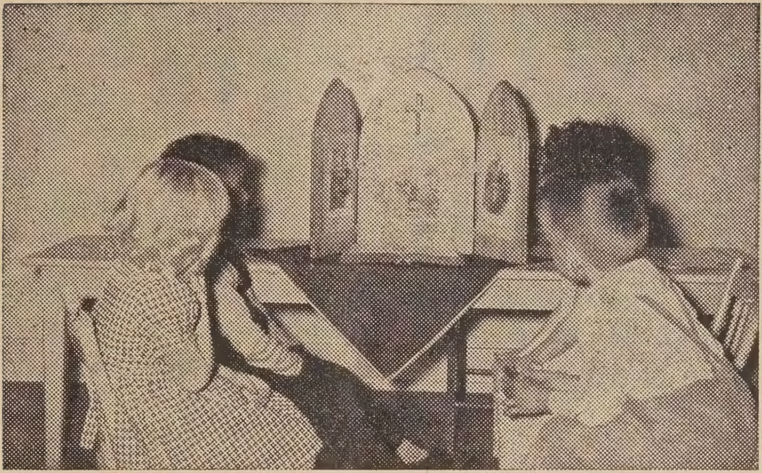
cared for in a rapidly growing Nursery School; boys and girls enrolled in a Boys' Brigade, Canadian Girls In Training, in a large Mission Band and in several other groups; older boys and girls are banded together in an enthusiastic Christian Endeavour Society and senior young men and women in a Senior Christian Endeavour; an adult group of women, The White Shield Club."

You see the building pictured here — you see the children grouped around a worship centre and playing in the Nursery School. Just take a brief glimpse into this new building with me. The smell of paint assails you first as you step inside. The din and the distant sound of carpentery make you realize that Miss Jessie Mutch and Miss Margaret MacKenzie are working on the frontiers of building progress. Miss Mutch was the receiving line the morning we called. She very kindly showed us around—starting with the gym in the basement. It isn't furnished yet—but when the church seats and other furnishings from the old Tyndale House are removed there will be opportunity for a lot of fun and a great outlet of energy on that floor. On that same level work shops will be set up to allow both boys and girls to do craft work.

All our readers will be interested in knowing about the kitchen! Interesting smells were issuing forth from that well-equipped room as we went up to the second floor. One of the volunteer workers was making lunch for several youngsters. Stove, ice-box and sink were arranged as the most modern kitchens are. Who paid? The answer to that question, I like—for the women of the White Shield Club saved $500 for their kitchen. I am sure you will join me in hoping that they have many happy meals there.

On the third floor are the library and the Nursery School rooms. The library will have as foundation stock, books which have been given by auxiliaries and Sunday School groups in Montreal. I almost forgot, the W.M.S. has an office in the building too. It is to have a very officially lettered door—and to contain the files and records of our work there—and the superintendent of the Nursery School when she has a few moments to attend to office routine.

The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) gave $5,000 toward the building of the new Tyndale House. They also were responsible for the furniture and the drapes in the two kindergarten rooms. The sight that met our eyes as we entered these rooms was delightful. About twenty-five children were seated in their circle around the piano, and with Miss Margaret MacKenzie's assistance were making Mr. Charles Johnson and a friend welcome with a song. Small French, Danish, Negro, Italian,



. . . "A Miniature United Nations" learning to worship God.

Canadian faces—a United Nations in miniature—showed happiness and contentment with the life they were able to live in Tyndale Nursery School. In the light cheerful surroundings of the pastel-decorated walls, the gay furnishings of their special room, these little children were showing their adult guests a concrete example of a way in which God works—"His Wonders to perform".

Several times as we exclaimed over the new building we were asked: "Did you see the old Tyndale House?" If we had they understood how much we appreciated the difference. In comparison, the difference was as great as dark is from light. The whole cleanness, brightness and newness of the new building seems to have affected the children—they look bright and shiny too. They have room to play, room to build with their toys—and perchance, they have room and inspiration to dream a bit too. We

"They have room to play, room to build with their toys."

wondered as we watched one wee fellow bowing and smiling to his imaginary audience. Will he be a great musician perhaps in the days to come? Will he have a large audience to applaud his success? Will he, a Negro lad help to teach his fellow Canadians the lessons he is learning in Tyndale House—that God cares for all His children dark or light, rich or poor?

And now let us learn a few vital statistics about Tyndale House. The most interesting fact I learned was that parents were becoming interested in the Church particularly since the erection of the new building. A few had joined in full communion; there were indications that more would follow.

The Nursery School has an average attendance of twenty-seven, thirty are enrolled and there is a waiting list of twenty-two. Miss MacKenzie hopes to start an afternoon class in the fall.

Tyndale House is the only Church nursery in the city of Montreal.

The sponsors of this community centre have done a great deal already to secure the necessary finances. They are presently engaged in a financial campaign. Again we quote from their folder: "The total cost of the new building including the land will be slightly over $100,000. Roughly speaking $60,000 has been gradually accumulated since 1945. (The Women's Missionary Society contributed $5,000 of this amount.) The General Board of Missions is becoming responsible for a mortgage of $22,000, the interest and capital obligations both being undertaken by that Board. The present campaign, therefore, is to raise the balance required of about $23,000. With a chapel for worship, a gymnasium, and greater accommodation in rooms for clubs and meetings, a great work can be carried on. Tyndale House stands for the reality of the Christian faith, the Christian dream, the Christian enterprise. It is deserving of friendship and support."

M.E.W.

New Synodical Presidents

Four new names have been added to the list of officers of our Society. Their names may be found in the list of Vice-Presidents. They are new Synodical Presidents—Mrs. W. J. Murdock, British Columbia; Miss J. E. Walls, Saskatchewan; Mrs. W. E. Stauth, Hamilton and London; Mrs. W. E. Baker, Montreal and Ottawa. We wish for them happiness in their high office.

We also join members of the Society in expressing appreciation to those who have retired from guiding the destinies of these same four Synodicals. They are respectively: Mrs. Robert Pollock, Mrs. W. Kelly, Mrs. D. Munro and Mrs. Harcourt Emra.

A Singing Tour of Formosa

BY ISABEL TAYLOR, A.T.C.M.

One of the most interesting things that happened to me in Formosa during the last four years was a trip I took with a group of young people through South Formosa. This group comprised twenty-one Theological College students and six graduate girls of the music department of the Girls' School plus myself as chaperone of the girls. The college students had planned this trip last fall, then had the bright idea of adding the girls thus being able to have more music. I went along on the understanding that I would have no responsibility whatsoever except for chaperoning the girls and playing a few accompaniments. One of the twenty-one students was a middle-school boy, named Ken, a pupil of mine who was to accompany the students in their singing and at any place I didn't go.

The purpose of our trip was to visit the churches of the South to see how they were working, to advertise our schools and also to give and receive inspiration. The church in Takao, the southern most part, had just been built but needed some money to finish the inside, so wrote and asked us to have a concert there. We consented to do this for it seemed a definite piece of work we could do for them. Other churches heard of this so we found ourselves scheduled to give thirteen concerts. With the exception of the piano music, it was entirely religious music.

We started off from Taipeh the 5th of February, 1951, by express, managing to get seats together and so having a very jolly time. At almost every stop we met friends or students on holiday, for February is the big winter holiday. It was also the day before New Year's day, Lunar Calendar, when all Chinese people have big celebrations. Everyone is supposed to be in his own home. Our students, being Christians, were not quite so particular although Christians too celebrate China New Year.

We arrived in Takao at night, and what a noisy night it was. We were shown to a hotel kept by an

Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.

Elder of the Church. They were extremely kind and hospitable and our welcome was a very warm one. The fire-crackers kept on all night and with a visit from the police added to the fire-crackers, there was little sleep for anyone. Next day we were given a bus for the day and we visited every church in the city (five) and at each place the minister, elders, deacons and young people gathered to have a worship service with us. The young people played ping-pong or basket-ball with the boys and we became very well acquainted with their activities. We were always served tea and cakes and candies. It being New Year's we were too royally fed and I was sorry to see so much food. We were two days in this place and the second day we took a boat across the harbour to visit the first church ever built in Formosa. It is situated on the seashore among fisher folk who seldom saw a foreigner and this tall one (I) was a great source of curiosity and usually attracted more attention than any festival parade that was going on. Our concerts here were a great success and listened to with such attention I could scarcely believe it possible for I had been warned they wouldn't be popular.

One of the girl's father owned a bus line near Takao and he lent us a bus for a whole day to enable us to visit a few more churches than was possible by train. The bus was very crowded with luggage and twenty-seven people but we were a jolly crowd, singing as we rode along all the songs we knew. The boys learned all the girls' songs and liked to show off. The churches in the south are very progressive and quite well-equipped. Most of the larger ones have or have had kindergartens so there were play grounds amazingly well-equipped but in some disrepair. Although it was February it was very hot in the southern part of the Island and very dry. The bus driver entered into our fun too. Every church knew we were coming so had prepared tea, cakes, candies and fruits. The deacons, elders and young people turned out to welcome us. Sometimes there were ping-pong or basket-ball games with the young people. Always someone found relatives or friends or former students. I finally decided that if everyone calculated far enough, every Formosan was related to every other Formosan.

We gradually worked our way north, everywhere receiving wonderful welcome. In one city I was greeted by a former student with a huge bouquet of flowers. A pedicab was waiting outside the station decorated with red flags of welcome. Everyone else was supposed to walk and I was to ride. The young lad who was pedalling the vehicle was going very slowly so as to permit the general populace to get a good look at his strange passenger. They wanted me to take my dark glasses off but I thought they were good to hide behind. He refused to go any faster until I finally threatened to get out and walk. The whole situation was getting out of control and we were becoming far too conspicuous, especially when the students began teasing and egging him on.

It was from this city that we went into the mountains for our one day of play. There were hot springs where all of us had several baths. We stayed one night but one of the boys said he was in six times. There was continuous running hot water piped in from the springs. These were mineral springs unlike the sulphur springs in most parts of Formosa. There was a lovely little stone church in this place and the home of a former student whose father kept hunting dogs, large and fierce. The preacher had been here many years. He led us in worship, outdoors, just at sunset and it was very beautiful. We felt rested and inspired to go on the next lap of our journey. A Christian friend gave us this trip at what must have been considerable expense to her.

One of the last visits before reaching the north was at the home of one of my students. Here the preacher had organized our coming in a most excellent fashion. There were two concerts, one in the afternoon for Christians and one at night for non-Christians. In the evening concert he gave an evangelistic talk to advertise the church meetings and also explain the Christian faith to those who came to hear. For a long time he had been wanting to interest the doctors and teachers of the town so he sent special invitations to them. All

The Singing Travelers.

came and the little church was packed beyond capacity. The women of the church prepared our meals and we all ate together with the church people. My student's house was in the country so the girls were taken out there over a very rough road. The boys stayed at different Christians' houses. The home where we stayed was a very old one and had housed generations of the family Lu. The Formosan hospitality is warm beyond description. Two members of this family had built very modern houses in great contrast to the red-tiled, peaked-roofed houses of former days. It covered a lot of territory and I was shown through the old part as well. Only my student's family were Christian so the old family altars were still there. Many old families have been in Formosa for three hundred years. I was given the best bed which was long enough, and very comfortable. All the girls in this family are being sent to our Girls' School. The mother is also a graduate of the Girls' School and the father a graduate of the Boys' School.

We finished our trip at the one place in the north which we visited and here we had two concerts on a Saturday and the Sunday morning service. The boys also conducted the Sunday School. I was particularly impressed with the dramatic way in which the boys could tell a story. The children were fascinated and scarcely moved. In this place they had borrowed an enormous grand piano very much out of tune but a young lad did what he could to put it in repair for us. He was not trained except as he trained himself and had a complete set of tuning forks to help him. Most places we had difficulties with pianos and when we had two pianos it was almost impossible to get them tuned properly. In Sintek, this last place, former Girls' School girls came from considerable distance with their children and so we had a great re-union with old friends.

We were very reluctant to break up for the journey back to Taipeh. Some boys were returning south for the remainder of their winter holidays but most of us went north. Everyone derived a great deal of benefit from our venture. The young people gained experience in meeting people and facing crowds. The girls especially needed this kind of experience for they were too often nervous and afraid. We saw the churches in a way we couldn't have otherwise and were encouraged by what we saw. The Gospel is being preached and the Christian community is growing according to the industry of the respective Christians and ministers. I personally will always remember the twenty students when later they are ministers of the Gospel wherever they may be in Formosa.

The Open Door

THIS was Conference year for the Evening Department in the three Eastern Synodical Societies. New St. James Church, London, was the home of the gathering which took place May 18, 19 and 20.

The theme was "The Open Door" and throughout the session we saw many, many doors of opportunity wide open for us to enter as missionary-minded women.

Mrs. G. Welker, Shedden, First Vice-President of London Presbyterial; Reverend Laszlo A. Borsay, Hungarian minister, Delhi; Reverend G. D. Johnston, Brantford, Chairman of the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada; Reverend Richard Stewart, minister of New St. James Church, London; and Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) were the speakers. The more technical side of our work was presented by Miss Barbara Isaac, deaconess of New St. James Church, London; Miss Louise Reith, Literature Secretary for the W.M.S. (W.D.); Miss Mary Whale, Editor, *The Glad Tidings;* Mrs. J. A. Elliott, Ailsa Craig, Vice-President of Hamilton and London Synodical; Miss Frieda Matthews, National Missions Executive Secretary; Miss E. L. McClelland, Evening Department Secretary on Council Executive. Mrs. J. K. West, St. Thomas, Evening Department Secretary, London Presbyterial and Miss Marion Cameron of the Goforth Auxiliary, New St. James Church, London, were co-conveners of the Committee arranging the Conference and presided at alternate sessions.

Mrs. Welker conducted services of worship at each session. Her messages were all based on the theme of the Conference.

Mr. Borsay brought to mind again the changing scene in overseas missions. He bemoaned the seeming indifference and ignorance of North American people who are slow in changing methods to meet the times. Last century, the white man ruled the whole world. As he developed the countries—the industrialist, the capitalist and the missionary were linked together. The native saw only two kinds of white man—the missionaries and the business men who were Christian because they had been born in a Christian country. These business men did not do much for Christianity. What the white man gave with one hand was taken away with the other. Now, the native does not want to rate second in his own country—he wants to rule. If the Christian missionary wants to help him, he will help cause ruin to many white people's enterprises. If he does not help, the native will lose confidence in Christianity.

It was Mr. Borsay's belief that the time has come for Mission Boards to increase the training of native Christians. The Christian faith can much more effectively be taught by men and women who are the same nationality as those who are taught. We need to concentrate too, on teaching the Christian faith in our own land. "We must remember that Christianity is greater than the 20th century, greater than the western civilization. We must recognize the real needs in the spreading of the Word, and be willing to suit methods that will best fit the needs.

Reverend G. D. Johnston speaking on the theme "Christianity or What" looked back on a world which tried to substitute other gods for Christianity. In the days of colonial expansion the power of the British army and navy, balanced the growth of power in Europe. As this century dawned, it was thought that it would be a great era of education and that education would open many doors. This was a bad day for the Church, people felt the Church did not have much to say—science was the thing.

Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.A., M.B.E.

Things have changed to-day. Two world wars and an economic depression have made the changes. Division in the world is ideological rather than national. The question a man must ask himself is where he stands on the subjects of human freedom and religious beliefs. People of the Western world are beginning to find that one cannot live a decent life without God. They are turning to the Church, asking what it has to offer as an alternative to atheistic communism.

That communism will eventually be defeated is not questioned in Mr. Johnston's mind. Communism is centred on the state, a god which will eventually be destroyed. The destruction of the great evil of our day must be done by individuals who choose Christianity as their way of life. Our propaganda must begin at home —with ourselves—then we must make the Church a place where people feel the Spirit of God. We must not cease our warfare

Rev. Richard Stewart

against our enemy until his strength is spent. Strong hands must hold the door.

"What a time we will have in the future as we see the Church become strong and pure. If we keep our hearts humble and look to the Lord, the Church will prosper."

The delegates filled the gallery of New St. James for the Sunday morning service. **Reverend Richard Stewart** spoke on the subject "Building up the Body of Christ." The Church is the Body of Christ and it is the duty of Christian people to take each one his part in making that Body strong. Christianity and churchmanship must live inseparably. They are indissolubly bound together like life and breath, thought and space, soul and body. Christianity is preserved and propagated by the Church. Christ, in fulfilling His mission, not only saved individual souls, He was building a redeemed society. Christ is the hope of the world, but He makes Himself known only through the Church. The Church needs to regain some of the passionate love, the pride in its honour, that the early disciples and apostles had.

We build the Body through Love. When we accept Christ we are united in love and fellowship one with the other. It is love for Christ and for each other that will build a world of peace.

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae spoke at the Sunday afternoon meeting. She outlined the work of our Society and abroad, stressing the advances which had been made in the last year and a half since the "Advance" budget was accepted in Calgary. It is our duty, she said, to be informed of all the

Mrs. A. W. Pae

work being done in the name of the Society. With full and broad information we can understand the changes which world conditions are necessitating, we can have an attitude of love and understanding toward people who are suffering much to-day, we can keep our enthusiasm for the work of Christian missions strong, we can take our proper place in the great struggle for Christian peace and freedom.

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You can well imagine that while we worked hard, attended the sessions faithfully, there was time set aside for fellowship. This part of any Conference as Miss McClelland pointed out, is a very important part, for it is a joy and inspiration to have happy times with people whose interests are similar. The London people left no stone unturned to make us feel welcome. From the time we arrived Friday night, until the final afternoon tea Sunday, we were entertained by the Evening Auxiliaries of the Presbyterian Churches in London.

—M.E.W.

New St. James Presbyterian Church

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Hugh C. McKellar

In the sudden passing of Mrs. Hugh C. McKellar The Presbyterian Church in Canada suffered a severe loss. Mrs. McKellar was a past-president of the Ontario Provincial Society and of Hamilton Presbyterial Society. She was the first Honorary President of Hamilton and London Synodical. The last rites were held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton, on Saturday, April 14th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband and relatives in the loss of one so esteemed by all who knew her.

—Hamilton Presbyterial News,
Mrs. S. M. Gordon, Press Secretary.

Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody

Winnipeg Presbyterial was shocked to learn of the sudden passing on May 26th of Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody. Mrs. Dunwoody had served the Women's Missionary Society in many ways. She was President of Winnipeg Presbyterial from 1936 to 1938 and was President of the Manitoba Provincial Society from 1941 to 1945. Her many years of loyal service has left behind a memory which gives inspiration to many others to carry on in like manner. Her Christian spirit and sturdy character will long be remembered by all who knew her. Her sudden passing has left a gap in the ranks of the Women's Missionary Society. At the time of her death she was Evening Department Secretary of Winnipeg Presbyterial and *Glad Tidings* Secretary of Manitoba Synodical Society.

—Mrs. W. Smith, Press Secretary,
Winnipeg Presbyterial.

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In the sudden death of Mrs. H. C. McKellar and Mrs. H. H. Dunwoody the Women's Missionary Society has suffered the loss of two devoted members. Both Mrs. McKellar and Mrs. Dunwoody were at one time members of the Council Executive and served with great acceptance. The Presbyterian Church and the Women's Missionary Society are the richer for their selfless, courageous devotion during their lifetime. To the family of each and to the Synodical Societies we offer our sincere sympathy.

—B.S.McL.

A Chinese Community Centre

MONTREAL seems to be the place for new buildings as far as our Presbyterian work is concerned. We have become somewhat acquainted with and accustomed to the new Chinese Church and Community Centre. For those, who like us, have not had a chance to see through the new building, it is a great thrill to see the still-new structure in which so many activities connected with the Chinese Church go on daily.

A basketball game was in progress when we went in. From a window overlooking the gym we watched the lads. The "China boys" were playing a team of Canadian-born Chinese lads. Miss Muriel Judd explained that the "China boys" have just recently come from China. They attend English classes, gym nights and are interested in the Church services too. We saw a few of the "China boys" in class with one of their volunteer teachers Miss Gefter. They were learning to use verbs correctly in sentences. The words seemed hard even for a one-time school teacher—but the lads were getting along. They were making good use of a mimeographed booklet prepared by Miss Judd and Mrs. Louie—a booklet in which they learn to speak and understand sentences which are necessary in the trades in which they are engaged—laundry and restaurant for the most part. Tall, handsome, neatly dressed—the boys are quickly taking their place in Canadian life. "These 'China boys' take their place in Sunday School too. Already they are able to sing the hymns and can find the correct place in the Bible. They are not Christian yet but they are certainly in training." Thus

Learning the language of a new land.

Preparing for a bazaar.

Muriel Judd spoke of those of the newcomers who are sharing in Christian worship.

A young married women's club was meeting the night we visited. They are sewing, preparing for a bazaar from which they hoped to realize funds for the financing of their Church. You can see from the picture taken that night, that they enjoy their fellowship and the work they are able to do for their Church.

The Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal is the only Protestant centre for Chinese in that city. The building is open seven days a week, and the Chinese people use its facilities for study and recreation. Most important of all they may find such peace of mind as only the Church can give. They are served by both full-time Church workers and by volunteers who assist in the English and gym classes. One cannot visit the centre and fail to realize that the Master's law of love is being practised well. Let those of us who have a small part in supporting this work never cease to pray that we will be worthy of the task to which we have been called. M.E.W.

Members of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. contributed more for the work of their Church in 1950 than in any previous year. The amount was over one hundred and two million four hundred and forty thousand dollars. This was eight million dollars more than in the preceding year. The number of members in full communion also reached its highest figure. It is over two million four hundred and forty-eight thousand. These statistics were reported at the one hundred and sixty-third General Assembly in Cincinnati last week. A record budget of almost nineteen million dollars for 1952 was approved, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. for the missionary and educational work of the Church.

World Church News.

"Front Page News"

BY REVEREND HUGH MACMILLAN, M.A., PH.D.

(Continued from June Glad Tidings)

Taiwan Theological College

IN June, 1950, two students graduated from the regular four year college course. At the same time we held graduation exercises for the Evening Bible School, from which thirteen were graduated, having finished a two year course of study. These men and women were laymen; business men, government employees, a doctor, a nurse, and a farmer, who faithfully attended the night classes in order to qualify themselves for Christian Service.

In September, 1950, at the beginning of the new school year fifteen new students were admitted to the college, making a total enrollment of forty-five students.

All the students are assigned work in nearby churches on Sundays, helping with Sunday Schools, Young People's Work, and supplying vacant churches. One student is assigned work in a mountain district where he preaches to the Aborigines. As a result of this ministry, churches have been established in three Aboriginal Villages.

Tamsui Girls' School

Our work has in no way been hindered except for the few weeks the soldiers were living in the school buildings. Everywhere the way is open for preaching and

Tamsui Girls' School

teaching Scriptures, more so than ever before and the school is no exception. The Formosan people haven't as much money as they used to have so fewer girls can have a higher education. A maximum of 392 pupils have been enrolled during the year but 295 was the largest number present at any one time. At present there are 282 students attending the school. Every term there is a large number of girls from the mainland of China who come in but they rarely stay more than one term.

The religious activities are very well-organized. Morning and evening worship services are taken by the teachers in turn—each one for a day. In the evening they are longer. Bible and the reading and writing of the Romanized are taught as subjects during school hours. On Wednesday afternoon there are Bible classes for the day pupils and on Thursday afternoons there is a service for the older pupils and Sunday School for the Juniors. These are all well attended. For the Sunday evening worship service, there is a Christian Endeavour meeting which the active members take turns in leading. They are all willing to do their part in making the topics more complete. Of course, all the dormitory pupils go to church on Sunday Mornings. There is also an early prayer-meeting every Monday morning which is attended by about thirty girls. Seventeen girls united with the Church during the year. Eleven of these were from non-Christian homes and six who had been baptized in infancy united with the church.

In spite of the fact that the world is in a ferment, we have faith that we can carry on.

(Tamkang) Tamsui Boys' School

1950 was another year of great influx into the Tamkang Middle School. Six hundred and eighty-seven students tried the entrance examinations. These students came from nearly every province in China. Still, the majority of those who sought admittance were Formosans.

The Tamsui English College, which began three years ago as an extra Year, added to the Middle School Course, is now under a different Board of Governors. But for the present the College is using part of our High School buildings.

The Bible is taught, both in the High School and in the College.

For months in the spring and summer, most of our school was occupied by soldiers. At one time about fifteen hundred were domiciled in our classrooms and assembly hall. The American-educated Commander was a Christian. The soldiers were well-behaved, and did no damage. They vacated the buildings, according to promise, in time for us to reopen in September.

The Seventy-Seventh General Assembly

AT the opening session of the 77th General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, the Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, M.A., M.C., of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, was elected Moderator. We wish to congratulate Mr. Kennedy upon election to the highest office of our Church and to wish for him a happy year among the Presbyterian people whose leader he is.

Mr. Kennedy succeeds Reverend Dr. Frank Scott Mackenzie. Dr. Mackenzie as retiring Moderator spoke to the Assembly on the first night of the meeting. His text was "For we are labourers together with God". He called on the people of his Church to self-denial and sacrifice for they were required for "active service in the warfare against the powers of darkness."

Rev. Norman D. Kennedy, Moderator, General Assembly, The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

In his sermon the retiring Moderator said it was necessary for men to live their lives as workers with God. Amid present day conditions it was of prime importance for the Church to be well balanced and for all men to recognize the place of man in overthrowing evil and accomplishing God's wishes. "Let us not attempt to argue with ourselves about our responsibilities. Let us accept them for we must meet the needs of this present hour", Dr. Mackenzie added. He was confident the people could meet and match the challenge offered by the enemies of the Church to-day.

Two of the evening sessions were inspirational meetings devoted to missions. Home Missions night featured Mr. J. A. Teng, an elder from Prince Rupert, B.C.; Reverend Douglas Herron, Kimberley, B.C.; Reverend Ronald A. Davidson, Grande Prairie, Alta.; Reverend Thomas Duke, from the Maritimes; Reverend Paul Chan, Montreal and Reverend Andre Poulain, Montreal.

Mr. Poulain has come quite recently to Canada from the Reformed Church of France, in Dieppe, to take charge of St. Luc's

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Announcing the 1951-52 Theme SOUTH AMERICA!

PROGRAMMES for all age groups within the Women's Missionary Society, Children's, 'Teen-Age, Young Women's, Evening and Senior Auxiliaries are being planned around the general theme of South America, showing how The Presbyterian Church in Canada and its Women's Missionary Society contributes to the work of the Evangelical (Protestant) Church in South America.

The younger children will make friends with THE CHILDREN DOWNSTAIRS, the Juniors will be OFF TO BRAZIL, the 'teen-agers will become acquainted with things South American, paying particular attention to British Guiana, the adults will MEET THE SOUTH AMERICANS.

Excellent supplementary reading books for all ages and good maps will make their contribution to the programmes. All, we hope, will at the end of the year have a better understanding of our neighbours in South America.

Watch this page and the Book List in the September issue for more detailed information and prices of materials.

See page 282.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

"To be alive in such an age,
To live in it, to give in it,
Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,

Crave but to have in it a part
Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—
To be alive in such an age."

THE thought in these lines is expressed in a practical way in an address by Mrs. Mowbray given at the Synodical meeting of Hamilton and London and we quote:

The year 1950 will go down in the history of the W.M.S. of The Presbyterian Church in Canada as the year of "Advance". From time to time when we have listened to stories of how, in years gone by, our women have taken part in some great new venture in missionary work, or when we have watched a pageant depicting certain eras in our work (as many of us were privileged to see at the Council Meeting in Calgary in 1949) we felt a desire that we, too, might be privileged to take part in some special work that has been attempted for the carrying out of our Master's command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel". We are obeying that command regularly as we go about our missionary work but we have felt that we would like something to do that would mark *our* progress as a step onward and upward. That others in the distant future would point to our work and say "In this year our women decided to 'Go Forward' and they prayed and they worked and they gave and see what it has meant to the progress of our W.M.S. work." We have experienced the privilege during the past year to take in, and be a part of, a forward movement that may yet accomplish wonders in the spread of the Gospel. We have seen, during the past year, how easily by prayer and faith and work we can do even much more than we had dared to hope for. There is every indication that this is but the beginning of a movement that has been started to reach out and touch the lives of millions who have never heard the Gospel. There is so much to be done. Had this Advance been started 20 years ago—had we sent China the missionaries and the Gospel she craved for then the situation in the Far East may have been very different from that of to-day. We failed China and doors that were open to us then are closed to-day. Let us not repeat the mistake in India. Christianity alone can save India. It is for you and me to do all in our power to send out workers who are trained to heal their bodies and to tell them of a God who is ready and willing to save. Can we do it or have we tarried too long? What of Formosa, British Guiana and our own Canada? This Advance is necessary. You realized that and have so far made it a success. After Council had completed the plans for the new work last year the next step to be taken had to be taken by the individual members. After all, the success or failure of our mission work rests in the hands of each one of us. We must first provide the wherewithal to carry on the work before any advance can be made.

The individual member is prone to think that her efforts, her work doesn't amount to much. She is too much inclined to minimize her worth. True, one member could do very little—it would only be a drop in the bucket—but it is a drop—but many members working together in harmony can work miracles. One grain of wheat planted in the ground brings forth only one blade. It may have produced a splendid yield but, alone, it wouldn't satisfy hunger. But *many* grains produce a harvest that will feed millions. It is the same way with our W.M.S. work. Your presence at the monthly meetings, your prayer for the success of our work, your givings week by week or month by month may seem small in your eyes but without that effort on your part the work could not be carried on. God knows our limitations and He doesn't expect five-talent service from a three-talent person or three-talent service from a one-talent person, but He expects one-talent service of a one-talent person and five-talent service of a five-talent person. He expects and looks for our very best. Reverend K. G. McMillan, in the meditation given in the February *Glad Tidings* has this to say regarding service "The Master didn't say 'Well done good and successful servant', He said, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'." If every member would bear this in mind and would covet for herself this same praise from the Master we would not only hold the high plane we have gained but would press on to even higher heights and greater service. We must have many faithful members.

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Secretary

"Lovest Thou Me?"

WARTIME living for college girls was very hard. Their class work often had to be interrupted for factory work of various kinds. Christian girls asked for jobs in non-military effort and one of my young students had served her days in a laundry where she experienced the strenuous life of the woman laborer. College life was all the more precious in her eyes, and she loved every minute of every day, cherishing the time she could spend with her closest friends and trying to help students who needed an encouraging friendship. Her group of special friends was a quiet influence through all the college, adding joy through music, deepening life's meaning in serious discussion of personal problems, meeting for Bible study and prayer. Out of their small funds they gave generously in support of orphans; they went out of their way to make life rich for their teachers by doing the extra kindness that means so much. Traveling on crowded cars where the bitter winter winds swept through broken doors and windows, they came early to a chapel service that could be warmed only by their own fervent enthusiasm, but the earnestness that had kept a daily service alive even though at times only two girls could manage to get together. Life was hard enough, even after the war—simple, frugal, drab enough to let any touch of friendliness seem like a ray of the sun itself. American kindness was especially appreciated and respect for American teachers soon developed into a deep friendship. At Commencement time high hopes for the future kept the sadness of the group from being too bitter: they wanted much to help a world in need. One of the girls in stating her ideal for an education asked a question: "My own best experience in education has been in loving my teachers and following their teaching—is that too primitive an approach to teaching these days?" As a student of Michi Kawai, she had learned the best of lessons early and well. When one of her friends died because of strenuous war work, she had grieved, but realizing how much greater was the loss to the bereaved mother she went to work to do something for her comfort. The result was a little book written in her own handwritting, one hundred pages describing the life of her friend as only she had seen it, in the daily little evidences of her Christian faith. This she offered to the mother on the first anniversary of her loss. Later, for me too, she made a careful copy, filling in explanations to more difficult expressions, making it easy for the foreigner to read of the life of a young Japanese girl whose memory she would honor. The Christian school is blessed indeed to have given such a young woman her training for Japan's immediate benefit; equally blessed is the school in which she is living out her own ideal in education, I know, for she is here and already we recognize the blessing. John 21; 16—". . . Lovest thou me? . . . Feed my sheep."

"Here for your sorrow is healing and gladness,
Give Me your burden and take you another's,
Healing your own wound by healing your brother's,
So shall you rid you of all your own sadness,
And you shall find rest for your souls!"

From "A Life Were Not Too Long."
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GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

ELSEWHERE in this issue we described the new Tyndale House. One of the important groups there is the C.G.I.T. We were telling Mrs. Keefer about that group, which has for the past two or three years won their chevron with merit, when she fixed us with that look which means: Pass the story on! Not long after a letter from Mrs. Jay Watson of Weyburn, told about a group in Melfort whose picture you see here. This seemed a perfect opportunity to share with Presbyterian leaders and girls in all parts of our country, a glimpse into C.G.I.T. life in two widely separated areas.

Tyndale House C.G.I.T. girls have been in the news before. They are an enthusiastic group who seem to attack every phase of their fourfold programme with energy and with a will to succeed. Their enthusiasm has been an inspiration to groups in Montreal and neighbourhood. They have not only fulfilled their chevron requirements in the past but have been ready and willing to go the second mile. Perhaps the fact that they must struggle constantly with the social and economic problems of every day makes them somehow more conscious that if they are to achieve spiritual well being they must keep busy practising their profession of faith. At any rate C.G.I.T. has thrived at Tyndale House.

They are enjoying the new surroundings very much. But they are made quite conscious by their leader, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, that they have some responsibility in their new home. A "talent" project was suggested by Miss MacKenzie. She furnished each with a small sum of money and told them that they must try to multiply that sum for their Church. With the initial capital they bought supplies with which they made candy, shell jewellery, socks, paper flowers, felt work, plastic pins. Miss MacKenzie helped them by giving instructions in the type of handwork they wished to do and helped them find a market. The result? No girl returned less than eight times the original amount given her. The parable of the talents has become very real to teen-age girls at Tyndale House—and they have realized a service project for their church.

Another project which I think shows even better the spirit of service which C.G.I.T. girls can have is their Explorer project. They give parties for the young people at festive times—and two of the teen-agers have been responsible for the actual leadership of the comparatively new Explorer group. Of course, Miss MacKenzie supervises the programme planning—but Miss MacKenzie already has a great deal to do at Tyndale House—so new group leaders are being inspired and trained from the C.G.I.T. group.

Do not think because we have not emphasized it, that these same girls are not fulfilling their programme by having Bible and Mission Study. Their projects show the influence of such study. Not only do they attempt great things for their Lord and their Church—they are successful in their attempts.

Now let us take a quick trip to Melfort, Saskatchewan, to visit the girls you see pictured here. The picture was taken at an affiliation service. Affiliation services are not unusual events in our W.M.S. family, but they are happy ones and we like to hear of the mission study culminating in affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. A. F. MacSween writing about the event says:

"The C.G.I.T. group of St. James Church, Melfort, on completion of the mission study had their affiliation service. Mrs. J. Morgan represented the Presbyterial and spoke briefly to the girls. Mrs. D. Rodger of Melfort represented the Auxiliary. Marjorie Fell and Margaret Wicklund sang a duet 'The Lord is My Shepherd'. Reverend Mr. MacSween and Mrs. Morgan entertained the girls to a party which they greatly enjoyed."

—M.E.W.

From right to left: Margaret Wicklund, Joan Carswell, Alretta McKee, President Lorna Flett, Assistant leader, Loreen Davidson, Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. D. Rodger, Leader, Mrs. A. MacSween, Frances Pavey, Opal Stewart, Marjorie Fell, Ida Henning.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

BE WISE!

Our 1951-52 Study is about South America and British Guiana. Let's start preparing now.

Gather pictures for Worship and Study.
Look through Sunday School Picture Sets,
National Geographics,
Magazines,
Calendars.

GET READY!

Visit the Library
Read a book for your own enrichment.
List books available for children.
Find out if your Library has pictures for loan.
Look through Sunday School Quarterlies.
Collect suitable hymns,
missionary verses.
Look through back numbers of *Glad Tidings*.
Collect articles on British Guiana,
pictures of work in British Guiana.
Prepare a large outline map of South America.
Use a sheet of brown paper.
Make it at least 3 feet by 2 feet.
Show Argentine, Chile, Brazil, Peru, and British Guiana.

FOR WINTER!

Suggested books for reading.

Focus on British Guiana, by Johnson	$ .50
We Americans North and South, by Howard,	$1.25
Fun and Festivals from Other Americas, by Wright	$ .50

Order from Literature Department.

—*Elizabeth Moodie.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial—The Presbyterian C.G.I.T. girls of Victoria, joined in a Beach Party at Willows Beach on Tuesday, evening May 15. The setting sun on white-capped mountains and a quiet rippling sea formed a lovely background for the camp fire around which the girls gathered to roast weiners and marshmallows. There was much enthusiasm shown for summer camps, which are being held under the Presbyterian Church at Roberts Creek on the mainland, July 19th to 27th and on the Island at Glintz Lake, near Sooke, July 6th to 14th. The girls recalled many amusing incidents of past Camps and are looking forward to these wonderful days at camp again this year. The Churches represented were Gorge, Erskine and St. Andrew's and leaders present, Mrs. T. H. Hunt, Miss Olive Butterfield and Mrs. R. A. Davis. Mrs. H. Warren, President of the Victoria Presbyterial called to bring greetings to the girls. Gorge C.G.I.T. led songs and worship.

Westminster Presbyterial—The C.G.I.T. members of St. Aidan's Church, **New Westminster,** were hosts to their Mothers and W.M.S. members at their Re-Affiliation Service on March 30th, under the leadership of Mrs. Elliot Creelman. Guests were welcomed by the Executive—Elsie Blair—President, with Pat Spencer, Marlene James and Norma Lamb. Mrs. J. L. McGlashan, Girls' Organizations Secretary of Westminster Presbyterial, who conducted the Service, brought a timely message, and stressed the Girls' Camp to be held this summer at Roberts Creek. The President of the Senior Auxiliary presented the girls with their World Friendship Badges. Games were enjoyed, and the guests were invited to view a display of the year's Mission Study, books and projects. During the tea hour, a delightful programme was conducted by C.G.I.T. members in costumes of China, Japan and India.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church, **North Vancouver,** held their Spring Thank-offering meeting recently. Mrs. W. J. Murdock, Synodical President, gave a most inspiring address:—"She hath done what she could." An anthem was sung by the Choir, and choruses were enjoyed from the Explorers. Greetings were brought from the Sunday School, Board of Managers, and the Kirk Session. The offering was taken up by the C.G.I.T. It was felt that this meeting was profitable as well as inspirational.

The Explorer group of Prince Rupert held their terminating supper, in the Church Hall at the end of April. Mrs. E. A. Wright, the pastor's wife, presented yearly stars, badges and emblems to nine explorers.

To the Spring Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Church Auxiliary, **Abbotsford,** visitors came from Vancouver, Chilliwack and Mount Lehman and participated in this special service of worship. Mrs. Murdo Pollock of Mission City was the guest speaker. In her inspiring talk she emphasized the purposes of Thank-offering services and the spirit with which the individual ought to take part in such a service.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — Knox Church, **Calgary,** Explorers and C.G.I.T. held ''Open House'' on March 20th. The meeting was well attended by parents and friends of the girls. The girls centred their programme around the mission study. The Explorers displayed a Canadian Indian village which they had made while taking the study. The Junior C.G.I.T. group presented a skit of their first year in C.G.I.T. while the Intermediate group gave a tableau ''Around The World To Canada'', displaying dolls dressed in national costumes. The sing song also carried out the theme as the songs were from different countries.

Macleod Presbyterial—At the April meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. John's Church, **Medicine Hat,** Mrs. C. P. Young was the guest speaker, telling of some of the phases of our work in India and showing slides taken during her years among the Bhil people. Miss Marguerite Quickfall led the service of worship. Members of the Isabel Taylor Evening Auxiliary and ladies of the congregation were special guests.

Peace River Presbyterial — The Forbes Church, Daughters of the Kirk held their April Thank-offering meeting in the church at **Grande Prairie.** The Reverend R. A. Davidson gave a message on ''Service to Others''. Mrs. H. Becker gave her report on the highlights of the Synodical meeting held in Calgary. It was reported that a new Young Women's group has been organized at Fort St. John and plans were made for the Grande Prairie group to visit this new organization. A very interesting film was shown on our missionary work in British Guiana and Formosa.

Red Deer Presbyterial—Several members from **Carstairs** congregation attended a service recently in Olds when Reverend R. J. Gillanders was inducted into the joint charges. It has been eleven years since there has been an ordained minister on this field. Carstairs has sent another box of clothing to Rossburn, Manitoba. Several members attended the Synodical meeting held recently in Calgary.

*SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056, WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—The annual meeting of Moose Jaw Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Moose Jaw.** Mrs. McGillivray, the President, presided at all sessions. Delegates were in attendance from Assiniboia, Briercrest, Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Weyburn. The theme of the meeting was ''God is love''. Mr. Donald Campbell, student minister under summer appointment to Assiniboia, and Miss Ford, student deaconess, who were in attendance at the meetings, were introduced by the President and given a hearty welcome to their new work in Saskatchewan. A special welcome was extended to the delegation from Swift Current, who represented the resurgence of missionary activity in the Swift Current church, and the hope was expressed that they had found help and encouragement throughout the meetings. Considerable discussion took place on the work of the Supply Department and the feeling was unanimous that a straight money allocation was most desirable.

Miss J. E. Walls, newly elected Synodical President, brought greetings from Synodical. She spoke of the recent anniversary celebrations of the Bekevar congregation and read parts of a letter written by Reverend James Nisbet, pioneer missionary in the West, to the General Assembly in the year 1869. Reverend W. McKinnon brought greetings from Presbytery and installed the newly elected officers. At the evening meeting, Reverend D. T. Evans of Saskatoon was the guest speaker, and in a powerful sermon he emphasized verses twelve and nineteen of the fifth chapter of second Corinthians. ''There are so many opportunities staring us in the face'' said Mr. Evans, ''yet the advance of the Church is being sabotaged by the indifference and selfishness of our own people. Missionary work is no part-time programme. We are a commissioned people—ambassadors for Christ, and if we fail to obey His commands we shall merit the wrath of God.''

Reverend Wallace McKinnon of Moose Jaw, speaking in **Weyburn** at the Knox Church Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting, reminded his audience that even as Jesus was betrayed by those most intimately connected with Him—so it is to-day. Dr. Howick, minister of Knox church read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer.

Prince Albert Presbyterial — The C.G.I.T. Group of St. James Church, **Melfort**, on completion of the Mission study, affiliated with the W.M.S. on May 1st. Mrs. J. Morgan, representing the Presbyterial spoke briefly to the girls. Melfort Auxiliary was officially reperesented by Mrs. D. Rodger.

The Lucy Baker Auxiliary held their Spring Thank-offering meeting in the Ladies' Parlors of St. Paul's Church, **Prince Albert.** Members of the Christina Mills Auxiliary and ladies of the congregation were guests. Mrs. A. Burt presided and Mrs. B. Castle, President of the Christina Mills Auxiliary led in the devotional period. Miss Isabelle Bailey, President of Prince Albert Presbyterial was guest speaker, her theme: ''The Call To Witness''.

Regina Presbyterial — The Thank-offering meeting of the Edna Bell Auxiliary of First Church, **Regina,** was held at the Manse with Mrs. Kennedy as hostess. A very interesting talk on summer camps was given by Mrs. Gordon Cunningham of Northside Church.

The Auxiliary and the Ruby Walker Guild, Northside Church, held a combined Thank-offering meeting in the church, with the ladies of the congregation as guests. Mrs. G. Heffelfinger, guest speaker, chose as her subject ''God, Christ, Gardens''. She spoke on significant events in the Bible which had taken place in the Garden of Eden, Bethany, Gethsemane and at the sepulchre; relating the lessons learned there which could be applied to our daily lives now. She stated that one of the laws of life is to grow and blossom, and to make this true for us, our aim should always be service to others.

The Women's Federation and the Evening Auxiliary of First Church, Regina, held their Spring Thank-offering meeting recently. Mrs. John Shaw presided. Reverend R. S. Weaver, minister of First Baptist Church was guest speaker and gave a challenging address.

A Young Women's Group has been organized in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Stoughton, with Mrs. W. Beckstead as Leader. They are an Affiliated Society of the W.M.S. The girls sponsored a tea recently. We shall hope to hear more from this group.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Marking Christian Family Week, the teachers of the Beginners, Primary and Cradle Roll Departments of the **Rosetown** Presbyterian Sunday School held a social afternoon on May 12th for the mothers and children of these departments. A programme of songs and recitations by the children was enjoyed. A description of the work done in these Sunday School classes was illustrated by the telling of a flannelgraph story. The children's work books were on display; so that the mothers could see what was being done in each of the classes. Lunch was served to the seventy mothers and children present.

Cradle Roll Members and their mothers were guests of Parkview Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** recently. Mrs. J. M. Young was in charge of the devotions, Reverend J. M. Young addressed the gathering on ''Home around the hearthstone''. He emphasized the value of the family altar and church connections at an early age. Slides on the camp activities at Christopher Lake were shown by Reverend J. M. Young, bringing to a close a happy and instructive afternoon.

A unique and interesting evening was spent in St. Andrew's Church, Saskatoon, when the C.G.I.T. group under the guidance of Mrs. J. B. Fraser planned a ''Trip around the world'' in conjunction with their re-affiliation with the W.M.S. For an hour before the service the guests had an opportunity of visiting an excellent display of curios and articles of interest from India, China and the British Isles, and as a reminder of the missionary work in Canada there was a table of Indian Relics and Ukrainian handwork. Many friends and interested citizens had loaned precious possessions of every description and everyone who attended showed a keen interest in the entire display. The re-affiliation service was conducted by the Girls' Work Secretary, Mrs. Stan Morris, with all of the girls taking part. At the conclusion of the meeting a buffet supper was enjoyed which featured foods from the various countries represented in the display. More than a hundred people signed the register and there were many expressions of pleasure in an unusually pleasant evening.

*Saskatchewan has this month, 100% coverage of news items. There are reports from all 4 areas.

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Fort William, Press Secretary

BRANDON Presbyterial — The spring Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, **Brandon,** was well attended. Mrs. J. Andrews, president, welcomed the guests. The devotional period was conducted by Mrs. James Muir president of St. Andrew's Auxiliary. The guest speaker, Reverend A. H. Cummings spoke on the life of John Newton.

The May meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Brandon, was most interesting. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, gave a most interesting talk concerning the aim of missionary work of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wenchi Kim gave an inspiring talk on Romans 12, verses 1, 2. At the conclusion of the meeting the C.G.I.T. group under the leadership of Mrs. O. Nugent was re-affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. J. Andrews and Mrs. R. Hamlin assisted Mrs. Nugent and the girls in this impressive ceremony. Mr. Kim closed the meeting with prayer.

Melita Auxiliary had an unusual meeting recently when a joint meeting with the United Church Auxiliary and the Anglican Women's Auxiliary was held. The arrangements were carried out by a committee appointed by the three Societies with a representative from each taking part. Miss Winifred Yuill presided as representative of the Presbyterian Society. Our guest speaker was Reverend D. S. H. Minton of the Anglican Church, who told of his experiences in Burma, where he spent two years at the close of the war. He told of the customs and appearance of the people and demonstrated their costumes. He also told of his visit to several Burmese congregations of Christians. At the close of the meeting he explained his display of pictures, costumes, jewellery and silver. These groups have always cooperated on the Day of Prayer but the holding of a joint meeting of this nature was a new venture for the Auxiliary and one that they felt was worthwhile.

Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, visited the kindergarten at First Church, **Portage la Prairie** on May 8th. Mrs. Brydges welcomed her and showed the handiwork of the children, which displayed ability and had the children sing various songs. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Crump took Miss MacNaughton to the Sioux Indian village church and she gave a very interesting address on the work of the Church, showing how all could help. Both men and women were present at the meeting. On May 9th the Auxiliary of First Church held their regular meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the address given by Miss MacNaughton.

Superior Presbyterial—The Presbyterial met in regular session in the Guild room of St. Andrew's Church, **Fort William.** The president, Mrs. George Stirrett presided. The meeting opened with a minute's silence in memory of Mrs. W. Stevenson. The devotions were taken by Miss Isabel Scott, deaconess of the church. Routine business was transacted. A very full and informative report on the proceedings of the 37th annual meeting of Manitoba Synodical was given by Mrs. Stirrett. Miss J. B. Redmond who has been Corresponding Secretary for the Presbyterial for several years and who is leaving to make her home in Picton, was the recipient of a gift and tendered the best wishes of the members by Mrs. Stirrett.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The Young Women's Auxiliaries of Winnipeg held their first rally on May 19th in First Church, **Winnipeg.** Miss Isabel Adam, Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial, opened the rally with words of welcome to all those present. The guest speaker was Miss Grace Irvine of Toronto, Youth Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Miss Irvine spoke of the far-reaching effect the members of such a rally may have when they are really interested in the work of the Christian Church which is a witness to the planters of the Gospel who have spread the seed while God gives the increase. To-day the field of greatest opportunity is in the spiritual realm. There are open doors all around the world and if we are to enter with conviction we must ask with the Apostle Paul ''Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?''

Members of Presbyterial and the Evening Department were guests at supper. In the evening Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, spoke briefly as did Miss Valda Ford of Bermuda a student deaconess in Brandon Presbytery. Miss Irvine said the rally had surpassed her fondest wishes. She reminded us that life is a race to be run, a warfare in which we must put on the whole armour of God. Our Christian heritage is ours because those who have gone before did put on this armour and were willing to stand for their convictions. To-day thousands are making their decision for or against God and it is for us to witness to the saving power of God. The rally closed with prayer and the benediction.

The annual Thank-offering meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of St. James Church, **Winnipeg,** had as its theme ''Christian fellowship in the World Church''. Reverend James Marnoch, minister of St. John's Church, Winnipeg, spoke on the work of the World Council of Churches, following which the members of the auxiliary presented a pageant showing the contribution the churches of other lands can and are making to the World Church. The pageant ended with a service of worship, showing the people of Christian countries worshipping together.

St. John's Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held a very successful Thank-offering meeting on May 20th. Reverend James Marnoch presided and Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary from Toronto, brought a very inspiring message. Her topic was taken from Luke 9: 57-62, making it very clear that if we would follow Jesus we must be prepared to suffer many things.

The Auxiliary of Kildonan Church held their Home Helpers meeting in Nesbit Hall. Mrs. W. S. Smith was guest speaker. The full report of the Synodical meeting, which was held in Brandon, made a very interesting evening for the Home Helpers. Mrs. J. A. Davidson brought greetings from the Presbyterial. Mrs. D. McRae arranged the programme with all Home Helpers taking part. Mrs. J. R. McDonald who had established the Home Helpers Department in 1914, in her closing remarks said that we were all the richer for belonging to this branch of the Women's Missionary Society.

Norwood Auxiliary held their May meeting at the home of Mrs. Sheppard. Mrs. J. C. Gibbs, presided. The report of the Manitoba Synodical meeting recently held in Brandon was brought by Mrs. W. S. Smith.

*Manitoba is sending in items from her 3 Presbyterials has achieved 100% news coverage.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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EDITOR'S Note—Mrs. Dobbie calls this a ''banner month''. She has received news items from each of the ten Presbyterials in Hamilton and London Synodical. The sharing of auxiliary news items is interesting and inspiring to all W.M.S. members. We wish to congratulate Mrs. Dobbie and through her all Press Secretaries who share in the important work of telling interesting items about work in their community.

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Walkerton.** The morning session opened with Mrs. George Robertson, Tara, President, presiding. Mrs. Hay, Walkerton, led the devotions. Annual reports from the departmental secretaries occupied the balance of the morning session. It was gratifying to note a new vigor in many branches, particularly was this evident in the Mission Band report. The sale of literature showed a marked advance as well as our Library work. While slightly below our allocation yet the amount sent in for the General Fund was in excess of the previous year.

The Reverend W. L. Clow, Chatsworth, in a very cordial manner brought greetings from Presbytery and Mrs. F. Rowand, President of Walkerton Auxiliary, graciously welcomed the delegates and visitors. She said it was fitting that this meeting should be held in Knox Church, Walkerton, since this year marked the 100th mile stone in its history. Miss Laura K. Pelton, guest speaker, was warmly welcomed. Miss Pelton stirred her audience as she graphically told of life in India where the love of Christ is not known and where life to the masses means little but suffering and hardships and the glorious hope of those in our mission schools and hospitals who have heard the Word. She referred to our fields in Japan and Formosa—''the door is open, the time is now''. She asked that we pray continually for those serving in our mission fields and let us consolidate our prayers by our financial givings. Following her address Miss Pelton installed the officers. Mrs. A. A. Ashley, Wiarton, is the new president.

At the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Owen Sound**, Mrs. Fraser gave an excellent report of the morning session of the Presbyterial annual meeting and Mrs. H. W. Willsie gave a very fine résumé of Miss L. K. Pelton's address, stressing her words, ''The time is now''.

Chatham Presbyterial — Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, spoke at the Sunday service of the **Duart** and **Turin** Presbyterian Churches when she told of her work in Western Canada. At Duart the Auxiliary President, Mrs. D. McLaren, had charge of the service and the minister, Reverend D. B. Cram extended a welcome to all present.

At the regular meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, Windsor, Mrs. J. B. Metcalf, being the hostess, two delegates were appointed to attend the Evening Department Conference in London, May 18-20. A most interesting letter from Miss Ellen Douglas was read describing the early part of her voyage, en route from India to her home in Canada for furlough.

Mrs. H. C. Tait, Evening Department Secretary of the Presbyterial, conducted the affiliation and candle-lighting ceremonies when the C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor**, affiliated with the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary. Miss Smith, the speaker for this meeting, told of how, 25 years ago she had taken a C.G.I.T. group to a summer camp.

At the April meeting of St. James Auxiliary, **Thamesville**, plans were completed for the sectional meeting to be held there May 7th when Miss Ruby Walker was the special speaker.

Arrangements for the Lilac Tea to be held in May were made at the regular May meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor. Miss Jessie Smith gave a most inspiring and informative report on the Synodical meeting held in Sarnia.

Hamilton Presbyterial—In the sudden passing of Mrs. Hugh McKellar The Presbyterian Church in Canada suffered a severe loss. Mrs. McKellar was a past-president of the Ontario Provincial Society and of Hamilton Presbyterial Society. She was the first Honorary President of Hamilton and London Synodical. The last rites were held in St. Paul's Church, **Hamilton,** on Saturday, April 14th. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her husband and relatives in the loss of one so esteemed by all who knew her.

The April meeting of St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary, **Hagersville,** was in the form of a pot-luck supper at which they entertained the C.G.I.T. group.

Knox Church, **Jarvis,** is very proud of Mrs. John Butcher, a charter member, who is 78 years of age and paralyzed but still active. Recently she has completed pillow slips and aprons which have sold for a goodly sum to help her group along.

Many friends from other churches were among those who came to take part in the celebration by St. Enoch's Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** of its 75th anniversary. Among the guests were Mrs. Donald Munro, Miss Annie Ritchie, Miss Mary McQuesten and Miss Blanche Armstrong. Mrs. Duncan Allan, President of Hamilton Presbyterial, was the special speaker.

Huron Presbyterial — The spring Thank-offering meeting of Caven Auxiliary, **Exeter,** was held on a Sunday afternoon in the church. Under the guidance of Mrs. J. Taylor, a pageant ''The Old Rugged Cross'' was presented by a group of the members. The story was impressively told with reading and singing with a lighted cross in the background. Reverend Donald Sinclair introduced the guest speaker Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary. Miss Walker told some of her experiences as she works with people endeavouring to bring them the Gospel. She stressed the need for more interest in the Christian Church. A new feature of this auxiliary is a Talent Table for the raising of money for the Expense Fund.

The members of Carmel Auxiliary, **Hensall,** recently were the guests of the United Church Evening Auxiliary at their monthly meeting. Mrs. P. A. Ferguson of Carmel Church was the guest speaker and a quartet from the auxiliary sang. It was a most inspiring meeting and the first get-together of these auxiliaries.

On April 16th members of the United Church Evening Auxiliary were guests of the Carmel Auxiliary, Hensall, the president, Mrs. C. Forrest presiding. The theme of the worship service was ''Our Purpose''—to assist in every way in the work of spreading the Gospel. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, was the guest speaker. She said, ''We have only one task: to witness—we have the privilege to witness to a great mass of people''. An article dealing with Mr. Wenchi Kim was read from *Glad Tidings.* Highlights from the Synodical meeting were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. P. Ferguson was hostess for the March meeting of the Arnold Circle, Hensall, when Mrs. Bell reviewed the third chapter of the study book. The members of this auxiliary were invited to attend the annual birthday party held by the United Church Auxiliary on April 13th. Ladies of Criselhurst and Kippen churches, Carmel Auxiliary and the Anglican Auxiliary were guests. It was a most successful party.

Knox Church Auxiliary, **Goderich,** met on their regular day in MacKay Hall when the Presbyterial President, Mrs. Gordon Bisset, gave a most interesting report on the Synodical meeting which was held in Sarnia.

Mrs. D. G. Campbell, president of First Church Auxiliary, **Seaforth,** presided for the joint meeting of the Senior and Barbara Kirkman Auxiliaries. Mrs. J. F. Scott, president of the latter took charge of the second part of the programme. Mrs. J. W. Thompson McKillop was the guest speaker for the evening and gave a most lucid account of the Synodical meeting at which she was a delegate. She stressed the enthusiasm of the meeting and also the spiritual uplift which all present received. ''A church with missions is a church with a mission and although the world is in trouble some times, God is in His Heaven'', she stated.

London Presbyterial—Mrs. C. Walker

was the guest speaker at the April meeting of St. George's Auxiliary, **London**, her subject being: "Peace in the home and in our hearts".

Maitland Presbyterial—A rally for Mission Bands from the western section of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Kincardine**, on April 28th. Members from Lucknow, Ripley, South Kinloss and Kincardine Mission Bands also Kinlough Explorers were present. Mrs. Farish Moffat of Langside presided. Mrs. Allan MacAuley, Ripley, Presbyterial President, introduced the special speaker, Miss Lily M. Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, of Toronto. Miss Macarthur spoke to the children of the early pioneer's work and of the early Church and the work of our missions.

The Home Helpers of Melville Church, **Brussels**, held their 35th annual meeting in June when Mrs. Fulton, lately come with her husband to Melville congregation from Ireland, gave a most interesting address on the beauty, education, religious life and missionary work of Ireland.

On Wednesday evening May 2nd a Mission Band leaders' meeting was held in Knox Church, **Teeswater**, when Miss Lily M. Macarthur gave much valuable information.

A rally for Mission Bands of the eastern section of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Wingham**, May 5th. Members from Whitechurch, Teeswater, Brussels and Wingham were present. Mrs. Farish Moffat of Langside presided. Miss Lily Macarthur gave an inspiring talk to the children.

Niagara Presbyterial — The Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's Church, **Welland**, arranged a delightful evening for April 2nd when they entertained members of the Auxiliary, Mission Band and C.G.I.T. groups. The missionary convener, Miss I. Matheson, welcomed the guests and referred briefly to our mission work in various fields. Two films, "The Bhil Field in India" and "The Mission Field in Formosa", were shown. A social hour was enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

The **Beamsville** Auxiliary extend sincere sympathy to Reverend Stuart Woods and family in the passing of Mrs. Woods and also pay tribute to her outstanding personality and stalwart Christian character. Mrs. Woods was Honorary President and a former president of St. Andrew's Auxiliary. The Desta Woods Auxiliary, Beamsville, and the Desta Woods Mission Circle, Pelham, were named in her honour. She was a tower of strength to the people among whom she lived and her death is deeply felt by the entire community.

Paris Presbyterial—Mrs. G. D. Johnston presided over the Thank-offering meeting of Central Auxiliary, **Brantford**, which was well attended. Visitors from the local auxiliaries, Mount Pleasant, Alexandra and Knox Brantford, were present to hear the address of Reverend G. D. Johnston who outlined the work of the Mission Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada of which he is chairman. He told in a very interesting manner how each application to the Board is considered and dealt with.

The Alexandra Auxiliary, Brantford, was recently addressed by Mrs. Moore Gordon of Hamilton when visitors from Knox and Central Auxiliaries, Brantford, and Mount Pleasant were present. Mrs. Gordon thrilled her audience as she told of the work she and her husband had done as missionaries of our Church in China. She impressed her hearers with the need for more consecrated missionary effort both in Canada and abroad.

Sarnia Presbyterial—April marks the birthday of the Greta Adams Evening Auxiliary of Paterson Memorial Church, **Sarnia**, and in spite of early spring weather, sprays of apple blossoms and pussy willow set the scene for their ''Blossom Time Tea''. A well arranged programme of solos, quartettes and a dramatic skit entertained the large number of guests.

Stratford Presbyterial — The Emily Garden Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Stratford**, held their May meeting in the form of a Mother and Daughter meeting. Mrs. R. Harvey, president, welcomed the guests and Miss Marion Donald, Stratford, was introduced as guest speaker. Miss Donald told of her work as a school teacher for three years in China, describing the courage of the missionaries and their many problems. She also told of the pitiful lives of the Chinese people who are without Christ in their lives. She stressed the need of prayer for China.

At the April meeting of **Milverton** Auxiliary it was decided to send an invitation to the United, Evangelical, Lutheran and Anglican missionary groups to meet with the auxiliary. There were about 90 ladies present and we felt that to have all churches together was a great inspiration. our minister's wife Mrs. Williams was the guest speaker.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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GUELPH Presbyterial — The annual spring rally of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Fergus**, with an attendance of two hundred members. After the departmental secretaries had reported and the business was attended to, the three delegates to the annual Synodical meeting at Orangeville gave very interesting highlights of the meeting, including a description of the new van. The theme of the morning meeting centred on youth organizations and Miss Ruby Low, deaconess of Knox's Church, Galt, gave a talk on ''Youth Work'', after which a demonstration of an Explorer meeting was given by a dozen Galt young women. Mrs. A. T. Moore of Campbellville conducted a model Mission Band meeting.

At the afternoon session Reverend R. Malcolm Ransom, formerly of Kienshui, Yunnan, China, was guest speaker. He told of the tragic conditions in that district and of the faithful little groups of Christians carrying on in spite of persecution.

Orangeville Presbyterial—A ''Family Night'' was held in Erskine Church, Dundalk, when the Senior Auxiliary entertained the other missionary groups of the church. The topic on India was capably presented by the Daughters of Erskine Young Women's Auxiliary. The Mission Band received their certificates and in costume presented ''Friends Across Canada'', a skit taken from *The Glad Tidings*. The Home Helpers gave a Life Membership to one of their number.

Peterborough Presbyterial—The semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in old St. Andrew's Church, **Colborne**, on May 10th with an attendance of 86. The President, Mrs. A. N. Reid presided at all sessions. Mrs. E. J. Kennaghan welcomed the visiting delegates and gave a short history of the Colborne Church and said how proud they were to have their minister's wife, Mrs. Reid, as President of the Presbyterial as she was the second president from Brighton-

Colborne Auxiliaries. Reverend A. N. Reid brought greetings from Presbytery and Mrs. Reid welcomed the members of Presbyterial present. At this period of the meeting a very pleasant ceremony took place. Mrs. McKenzie, Peterborough, presented Mrs. McCulloch, Past President, of the Presbyterial, with an Honorary Life Membership Certificate in recognition of her four years of service. Mrs. A. W. Pae, the speaker for the afternoon, was introduced by Mrs. McCulloch. Mrs. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., emphasized the need for leaders for our girls and young women. Mention was made of the Fall Rally to be held in Warkworth in October and of a speaker from Toronto to address Mission Band leaders in the three centres of Port Hope, Peterborough and Campbellford.

Saugeen Presbyterial—The rural congregation of Knox, Normanby, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their Mission Band at the home of Mrs. A. C. Marshall with an attendance of seventy. Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, who was visiting the Presbyterial, was the guest speaker.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

MISS JANET L. RILEY, BOX 141, BILLINGS BRIDGE, OTTAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

THE annual meeting of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society of the W.M.S. was held in Westminster Church, Smiths Falls, on April 24th, 25th and 26th, 1951, with the President, Mrs. Harcourt Emra presiding at all sessions. Delegates numbering 101 registered, during the three days, and the President expressed her pleasure that so many Auxiliary delegates were present.

Reverend Malcolm Ransom, lately returned from the Yunnan Mission of the Church of Christ in China gave a striking address at the Tuesday evening meeting, describing the conditions prior to, and just after the Communist domination of China.

Mr. Ransom said that never had doors been so open to missionaries and the Christian Witness, and when we failed to supply both, Communism stepped in, and with their clever propaganda which reaches every man, woman and child, and their rice for the empty bowls of the starving people, offered a temporary freedom which was eagerly snatched at.

In summing up the help needed for these people, Mr. Ransom said, "No Church is even beginning to scratch its missionary responsibility, until it is giving as much to the Missionary Budget, as it is to the support of the local Church."

Presbyterial Reports gave a picture of the work as carried on through the Auxiliaries, stressing the benefits received from visits of the various Secretaries from the Council Executive. Departmental reports had notes of encouragement and discouragement, and the Recording Secretary in summing up, asked, "What are we going to do about our decreases?"

Mrs. D. F. Hazell and Mrs. J. G. Inkster of Council Executive gave help and counsel throughout the meetings, and Mrs. Inkster received the report of the Nominating Committee, and in an impressive service, installed the newly elected Officers.

The retiring President, Mrs. Emra, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Dougherty, who have been on the Synodical Board for the four years since its institution, were each presented with a Bible, as a token of appreciation of their work, and a sign of affection from the Synodical Officers and the Presbyterial Presidents.

Glengarry Presbyterial — A highly successful and well attended Rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Maxville,** on May 10th, Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, Presbyterial President, presiding. Greetings were brought from the Synodical Society by the newly-elected President, Mrs. W. E. Baker of Montreal, who also led the discussions. The guest speaker, Miss Mary Whale, Editor of *The Glad Tidings,* under the subject ''The Word'', outlined the responsibilities of all members, and gave helpful information regarding our magazine. Mrs. A. D. Stewart, Maxville, gave the closing words.

The Reverend Robertson Millar presided at the evening session, when the film ''For Good or Evil'' was shown. Reverend D. C. McDonald of Avonmore, Moderator of Presbytery, brought greetings. The next annual rally will be held at Moose Creek.

Montreal Presbyterial—The Montreal Presbyterial held an open inspirational meeting on May 18th in Melville Church, **Westmount.** Mrs. Robert McCleery, President of the Presbyterial presided. The guest speaker was the Reverend Herbert Kane of the China Inland Mission, who took as the subject of his address ''Behind the Bamboo Curtain''. Mrs. R. B. Calhoun, Beauharnois, conducted the worship service and Mrs. T. H. Cummings was guest soloist. Mrs. W. E. Baker, Montreal, President of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, brought greetings and Mrs. Charles C. Cochrane, Melville Church, welcomed the guests. Mrs. Donald Black, Riverfield, closed the meeting with prayer. The members of the Presbyterial Board were the hostesses at a reception held in the church hall immediately after the meeting.

Members of Knox Crescent Kensington Senior Auxiliary, **Montreal,** have expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the 1951 study *Our Share In The World Mission.* From the first meeting when their minister's wife, Mrs. Clifton MacKay, directed their study, through to May, when the leaders were the Auxiliary President and the President of the Guild, there has been a great fellowship of sharing in the work of the Society through study.

The Evening Department of the Presbyterial held a Spring Rally on May 3, in Melville Church, Westmount. Reverend Charles C. Cochrane conducted the worship service and the guest speaker was the Reverend James D. Smart, M.A., Ph.D., minister of Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Miss Catherine R. Cumming, Evening Department Secretary, Montreal Presbyterial, presided. Greetings were brought by Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, and by Mrs. Robert McCleery, President of Montreal Presbyterial.

A Children's Rally, Mission Bands and Explorer groups of Montreal Presbyterial was held in Knox Crescent Kensington Church Hall on May 5th. Mrs. Drummond Oswald, Children's Secretary presided and Mrs. Robert McCleery, Presbyterial President, presented the banners. An interesting programme was presented by the groups representing the district and a filmstrip ''Sunday Schools Around the World'' was shown.

Ottawa Presbyterial — Gloucester Auxiliary held a special meeting on May 8th, when three of their members, Mrs. George Hope, Mrs. Gordon Duncan and Mrs. Russel Boyd were honoured for long and faithful service. Mrs. G. Scott Murray, Presbyterial President, was the guest speaker, using the text ''Believe in the Lord thy God''.

Mrs. Wm. Eadie, Presbyterial Supply Secretary, spoke briefly on the work of her department and explained why Allocations had been raised. A delightful group of motion pictures was shown by Mr. Norman Fee of Knox Church, Ottawa, some of which he had taken himself.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Ottawa**, at their Easter Thank-offering meeting commemorated the organization of Women's Missionary Work in St. Andrew's Church 64 years ago. Miss Marion K. Younger gave a history of the auxiliary dating from 1887, which she compiled from early records. There was a generous offering which included an Honorary Membership for Mrs. Clarence Pitts, presented by her husband, and ten In Memoriam certificates, in loving memory of past W.M.S. members.

Quebec Presbyterial — Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary, spoke at a meeting in St. Andrew's Church, **Sherbrooke**, to the combined meeting of the Auxiliary and the Young Women's Associate group, in the early spring.

Scotstown Mission Band has again rallied to the work after being inactive for some time. At the first meeting eleven children were present to re-organize the work.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

May 31st, 1951

RECEIPTS:

Birtle, Government Grant	$3,136.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	100.00
Life Membership pins	79.70
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	700.00
British Columbia, supplies	109.00
Alberta	500.00
Alberta, Supplies	37.00
Manitoba	226.27
Manitoba, Supplies	133.90
Hamilton and London	4,400.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	285.82
Toronto and Kingston	4,620.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	131.50
Montreal and Ottawa	3,100.00
	$17,559.51

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	$3,649.86
Cecilia Jeffrey School	166.65
Birtle, Government Grant	3,887.08
Birtle School	183.33
Deaconesses	1,308.87
Chinese in Canada	1,065.65
Port Work	151.53
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Montreal	372.82
St. Margaret's Centre	286.25
National Advance	265.29
Expense of two vans	55.00
Missionaries' payments made in Canada on request	194.72
Bhil Field, India	451.10
Taiwan	10.00
New Missionary	108.33
Missionaries' travelling expenses	58.56
Overseas Advance	200.00
Christian Literature	500.00
Organization	1,426.00
Publications	882.24
Exchange	24.70
Candidates	5.00
Administration	1,577.66
Supplies	426.72
Deputation	126.25
Payments from 1950 Balance	350.00
Payments from Special Gifts	63.82
Insurance and Taxes	282.87
Hospitalization rates for workers	20.20
	$18,100.50

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 250.38
Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Isabelle M. Colman, Regina, Saskatchewan	30.25
Estate of Elizabeth S. Burns, Toronto, ''Medical or Nursing training for Mission girls in India''	10,000.00
''Permanent Endowment to assist graduates from Missionary and Deaconess Training School, employed by Women's Missionary Society''	2,000.00
Estate of Jane Craig through Knox Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Walkerton	250.00
Payment on Windermere property	25.00
Interest	106.00
Refund	184.37
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	18.00
	$12,864.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Furnishings, Tyndale House Nursery School	$ 100.00
Furnishings for third van for Western Canada	145.01
	$ 245.01

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

New Organizations

Hamilton and London

Hamilton Presbyterial—Explorer Group, St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Miss Doris Skene, 464 Fennel Ave. E.

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EDITORIAL

"*Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people*". I Chronicles 16 : 8.

OUR barns are filled with grain, our cupboards loaded with the fruit of garden and orchard. At the Thanksgiving feast we will have every evidence that God has blessed us with good gifts. We have many reasons to be thankful despite the unsettled condition of the economic, political and social world. God has blessed our land with abundance of material things. Despite our human frailties, He has used us as a Church and as a Society to perform His miracles throughout all the earth.

"Give thanks unto the Lord . . . make known His deeds among the people." If we are truly thankful, we will show our gratitude in as many ways as we can. "Wherever Christians are, they have it as their supreme duty, in the answer of gratitude to God, to bear witness to the fact that God and man are reconciled in Jesus Christ, and all who come to Him may enter into that union, find forgiveness of sins, and find again the truest and deepest secret of humanity." (Dr. T. F. Torrance in Pre-Assembly Congress address, June 1950.) This is not a task for missionaries alone to do. It is the "supreme duty" of each one of *us*.

It is sometimes said of those of us who make the Church our prime interest, that we do not talk enough about the inspiration, about the experience of God's power and His protection which is daily part of the life of a true Christian. We do not "gossip" about our faith. We explain that it is not easy for us to reveal thoughts which are so sacred to us that words are inadequate means of expression. Then the words of the Psalmist come to mind—"make known His deeds among the people".

It is with such thoughts in our minds that we are launching out in an attempt to tell more fully the story of the missions we support, through the newspaper and radio. We hope as the year progresses that members of the Society will take every opportunity to "make known His deeds among the people"—the deeds that we see Him perform through us.

"Give thanks unto the Lord . . . make known His deeds among the people."

Mrs. Daniel Strachan

"We shall not look upon her like again"

THERE passed quietly away on Sunday, August 12th, 1951, one of the outstanding Canadian women of our day. Helen Mackenzie Strachan was a great woman. Our country's government would have recognized this by using her brilliant qualities and bestowing high honours upon her, but she chose to devote herself to the cause of her Church and the Women's Missionary Society. Her family background and her natural gifts added to her years of experience as a minister's wife, especially fitted her for this service. In her going, the Church is deprived of one of its wisest, most useful members and the W.M.S. of an inspiring leader, unsparing of herself willing to give to the utmost. She had no patience with half-hearted undertakings and no hesitation in saying so. Her frankness was stimulating and the refreshment of her ready wit brightened many a moment in the long meetings that were necessary for the administration of the Society's affairs.

Mrs. Daniel Strachan

Although she held many offices before and after the amalgamation of the Women's Missionary Societies in 1914 and was President 1928-1932, her greatest contribution was during the thirteen years in which she was general Treasurer. She had a flair for finance and exceptional business ability. Her reports were not mere statements of receipts and expenditures but were eloquent and vivid, impressing upon her hearers a real understanding of the needs and a vision of what could be accomplished. Her joy and satisfaction in the response was evident in her presentation of the annual reports to the Council Executive. This was always one of the most thrilling experiences of the year. While she fully appreciated generous gifts from those blessed with material prosperity, she stressed the value of the "widow's mite". She never lost sight of the importance of little things because of the wide outlook and outreach mission work gradually acquired. She was proud of the large well-organized branches of the Society but she spoke so often and with such affection of the small groups in the isolated places and reminded us of the faithful praying women in the auxiliaries who may not have held offices or known prominence but who were nevertheless, the "backbone of the Society".

She loved and understood young people. The welfare and happiness of our staff and of our missionaries at home and abroad were close to her heart. Two of her most notable achievements were the completion of our excellent pensions plan during the war years and afterwards the raising of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund for the special training of those whose life work would be in service to the Church and to the Women's Missionary Society.

As the encroachment of the years showed in increasing physical frailty, her valiant spirit did not falter, her interest and enthusiasm did not wane. We still had her example before us of her "persistent faithfulness". At the Annual Meeting, 1950, held in St. Andrew's Church Guelph, she presided at an evening meeting with her accustomed dignity and capability. At those meetings she made known her burning desire to see the Women's Missionary Society lead on some wide plan that would be practical and appealing enough to enlist the services of a far greater number of the women of our Church. If we can take up this torch and bring about some results this would be a way to honour her memory. But her real memorial is already built "not with hands" and will be enshrined and cherished in our hearts. She will be "unforgettable, unforgotten" until the day dawns and the day-star arises.

To her son, the members of her family and her many friends whose grief we are sharing, our deepest most understanding sympathy is extended.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart . . . He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation." (Psalm 24)

"Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city". (Revelation 22: 14)

"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life". (1 John 2: 25)

In loving remembrance prepared for the Council Executive by

—Muriel L. McMurrich

Mrs. Daniel Strachan (Helen Mackenzie Thompson)

—The tribute paid Mrs. Strachan August 14th in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, by Dr. William Barclay, Hamilton.

ONE of the most vigorous protests I ever heard was made by a woman who as age came on had had to live a very secluded life. Her father and her brother, before their deaths, had been much in the public eye. Her protest was that, whenever she was able to come to church, people after the service was over, would insist on trying to please her by speaking of their interesting memories of her father and her brother. "I want to be assessed on what I am—myself—not on my family connections."

All who knew Mrs. Daniel Strachan will agree that she must have had the satisfaction denied to this other woman, of knowing that she was highly regarded for her own sake. She was a gifted leader in the affairs of our Church; and she had a great share in the credit that accrues to the women of our communion, because of the fine contributions they have made to our denominational life and work—especially over the last quarter of a century. To-day, and for many a day to come, our imaginations will present the picture of her, clearly, firmly and, if necessary courageously, presenting her points of view.

Mrs. Strachan had a fine background. Her grandfather, Alexander Mackenzie, was Prime Minister of Canada from 1874 to 1878. Her father, Dr. John Thompson, was an honoured minister of our Church in Sarnia, where the mortal part of our friend will be laid to rest. Her husband was also outstanding in the ranks of our ministry, and with him she shared in his ministry at Brockville and then in the pioneering work that led to the upbuilding of our strong Presbyterian congregation at Rosedale Church, Toronto. Inherited traits and acquired experience provided in her qualities of leadership that made her an admirable member of our Women's Missionary Society and a most efficient guardian and administrator of its large finances over many years. The weakness of an appeal could not escape her scrutiny; but a sound appeal would have her whole-hearted support.

Her own minister being on the Pacific Coast on holiday, I was asked to take charge of this service, in which we are paying our final respects to her memory. It is fully twenty-five years since I made acquaintance with her and the group of women who reorganized our Missionary Society work after the division of 1925. For over a generation therefore, I have had opportunity to mark the fine balance she held between care of the women's enterprises and interest in the general work of the Church as a whole. During the depression years it was suggested that, if something in the general work had greater claim than some Missionary Society project, then it would be wise for the women to let their project wait. She agreed—and increasingly, with her colleagues, seemed to take the general work of the Church into view in allocating missionary funds. The excellence of her budgetting and financing have often been the envy of us men.

Yes, she made her mark on our Church and is rightly honoured for her own worth and her loyalty to the fine Christian traditions of her ancestral line. She has won her rest. "Servant of God, well done!"

Hospital Visitor for The City of Winnipeg

THE May issue of *The Glad Tidings* announced the appointment of Mrs. G. W. Bradley as hospital visitor for the city of Winnipeg. Mrs. Bradley in reporting on her work, says that she is finding the task of representing the Presbyterian Church and taking words of encouragement and cheer to those who are ill, a "pleasure and a privilege".

Mrs. Bradley writes: "In Winnipeg, there are 8 hospitals (general), 6 special *i.e.* Children's T.B. hospital, Shriner's hospital for crippled children, Veteran's Home, Deer Lodge Veterans' Hospital and St. Boniface Sanatorium. There are also 24 nursing homes, all of which are open to Church visitors. . . .

Mrs. G. W. Bradley

"Visiting the nursing homes is a particular joy to me. Many of the patients have been there for years and a goodly number are confined to their beds. They are so grateful for visitors who will bring a word of hope and cheer—and a breath of the outside world. For some it is my pleasure to read a few verses of Scripture or helpful verses from poems. When my shut-in friends express their appreciation for any word of cheer I may have brought, I cannot help but feel that it is I who have been helped for I never cease marvelling at the Christian faith and patience of most of the patients. We do not talk in terms of denominations, but I am always pleased and humbly proud to visit in the name of our Presbyterian Church."

GIRLS!

BY MARGARET KENNEDY

ARE you interested in girls? Girls of all different kinds, sizes and colour? Just range them before your imaginary eye and see if they are not interesting! They are so giggly, so self-conscious! Yes, but aren't they lovable too? Your heart feels warm as you see how sweet they can be, then your heart feels desolate as their misdeeds fill you with sorrow. Are they worthwhile, worth hours of labour, of schooling, of training, of praying? These are the pieces of glass that our Father would take, cut, polish and fill with His flashing light until all will proclaim them to be His jewels, adorning womanhood as He planned that it should be adorned.

Let me tell you about some girls I know, girls of India, ordinary girls, and yet of extraordinary interest to us because God used the emissaries of our Canadian Church to bring these girls as potential jewels into the knowledge of the Saviour.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

Two or three years ago, there was a girl living in Barwani, a girl of Christian parents, but a rather wild young thing, and the parents decided that the best thing was to get this young Ruth married and under the control of a husband. All very well, but then it came to light that she was only 14 or 15 years old. She had had only irregular schooling at the State school, so to keep her occupied, she was given the job of carrying water for the Sahib's garden. Ruth joined the procession of those going regularly to the well and her tongue was not slow in making her presence evident. Her very curly, untidy hair gave her a gypsy appearance and one wondered what would become of such a youngster. A year ago, Ruth's father asked if there was not some training that his girl could take in Jobat until she would be of marriageable age. I rather fearfully said I would take her on probation, then certain circumstances arose which made it seem impossible for me to have her. I hastily wired for her not to come. The wire missed her and one day here was Ruth on the verandah to see me, her hair flattened down over her finely-cut features, her one sari on and a tin suitcase with her. I had not the heart to send her 45 miles back home, so again stressing the probationary basis and putting her in the care of her aunt, I started teaching Ruth. She sat in the class with the wives of the Bible students and, poor child, she had quite a time. Her young face would look up at me so seriously, she would be first to copy down the notes, then I would find that not only was her writing practically illegible, but New Testament notes would be squashed in among the stories of Moses, while Joseph, in her thinking and in her writing would become a New Testament hero, linked up with Peter. She was quick to learn sewing, but it was so hard to keep the work clean! One day I discovered Ruth was coming a circuitous way to class and, strangely enough, her path came past the room where the male student teachers were studying! This occasioned a little talk with Ruth on the virtues of Indian maidenhood, and to my surprise she took what I said without any sign of sulking or of stubborn denial. These characteristics are fairly common among the Bhil girls, so I have been surprised again and again during this year to see how well this seemingly wild young thing would take a scolding. She has a frequent, rather loud laugh, and I noticed again yesterday when we were putting away a load of firewood in the residence that where the other girls would move with the graceful, but oh so slow movement proverbial to the East, Ruth would run back and forth, creating a kind of excitement over a hard job to be done. Last April I took Ruth with me to a Bible Women's Institute in our sister mission and she was the youngest person there. I was pleased to see how well she adapted herself and, though she was in a little hot room back of the others, there was no grumbling. During the summer, I received a letter from that sister mission stating that a village teacher was looking for a wife and one of the Bible women had strongly recommended young Ruth as a suitable wife! I felt this was high praise and I marvelled again at the changes God can make in lives when hearts are opened to Him. The man was too old for Ruth and no arrangement was made, so Ruth is back with us in Jobat, a second year student, not very learned as yet, but nevertheless, feeling quite knowledgeable in the presence of six brand new girls. She is just an ordinary Bhil Christian girl, lovable, at times exasperating, but so worthwhile. Wouldn't you like to know her?

You may not find Bhuri, another young Indian girl, nearly as attractive as Ruth. I was not at all attracted when I first saw her, but I was only looking at the plain outer glass, not at the potential jewel God already saw within the glass. I saw Bhuri for the first time less than a year ago, a typical Hindu girl, with a red mark on her forehead and eyes that seemed a bit shifty. I felt heartsick to hear that one of the Christian young men had brought Bhuri to be his wife according to Hindu rites. The young man was suspended from membership in the Church, which I am glad to say upset him very much, and he brought Bhuri to the tent one day so that we could talk things over. She was shy but said quite readily that if a way could be opened she would be glad to have Christian teaching. Her parents apparently had allowed her to be in someone else's house before she came to Balkhar. She told me of all this sad sin, then said, "But I was in the dark then, and did not know what I was doing." I was surprised at those words, but I could not help realizing that it was to this couple's advantage to impress me that day. Would she really come for teaching two months hence? It would not be easy as her husband would have to come and find labouring work to do to keep them both while she learned. Bhuri did come to Jobat, arrived last Good Friday, and her genuine desire to learn of our Faith, to learn how to read, made me forget my seeming prejudices. I had a class with her alone early each morning, when I tried to explain the wonder of God, the wonder of His revelation and His plan for her, then one morning I asked if she felt she would like to talk with God. Yes, she would and I was amazed to hear her ask in a few faltering but clear sentences that God would make her heart clean and that He would give her a new life. I believe her prayer was heard and answered. I went back with Bhuri and Motiya when they returned to their village, and the day after, a Session meeting was called. Bhuri was questioned by the elders and was declared ready for baptism. She was baptised right there in the courtyard in Balkhar, then she and Motiya were to be married according to Christian rites. She had no idea what to do, but Ruth was with me, so she said she would help her and stand up with her. Meanwhile Motiya called me aside. What should he do, he had nothing but this patched shirt and old pants to wear! I assured him that that did not matter, but asked what happened to the six rupees I had lent him to get a shirt. Well, he said *She* (*i.e.*, Bhuri) plagued

The wedding party "standing on a mat in the courtyard." Ruth, Bhuri, Motiya and his friend.

me so for a sari that I got her one with that money. I surely chuckled to myself and thought that this was really something—where was the lord and master, supposedly so secure in his rights in this Indian home indeed! This explained too the sight of a pretty flowered sari that came into appearance during our journey, in place of the old black one that many of Bhuri's caste women wear. An uncle of Bhuri's, a Christian of not very good standing, then called me aside to say that her parents were objecting to this Christian marriage. Bhuri had already been given to Motiya, of course, by the loose Hindu marriage law, and she was over sixteen, but I knew how much trouble the relatives could make for her, so I asked Bhuri if she had had any trouble. No, she said quite calmly, and I am ready to be married the Christian way. They were married, standing on a mat in the courtyard, and I have not seen Bhuri since that day. I will see her soon though, and how I hope to find that she has gone on in knowing the Saviour who died and rose again to give just such people a wonderful new kind of life. She is just another teen-age girl, rescued from Hinduism, still surrounded by influence and temptations beyond our understanding, but don't you think she too is worthwhile, and won't you pray for her?

Come out to a Bhil village now, 3 miles off the road, to a small cluster of low houses amid fields and jungle, and see Premlatta as I first knew her several years ago. She was about 10 then, a bright but untidy, rather ragged youngster in a Bhil tucked-up skirt and a head piece. The little Christian school had been closed for lack of pupils and Premlatta's father refused to send her on to the Amkhut boarding school as she was too useful around the home and fields. However, when I came back from furlough in 1948, I found out that Premlatta had been allowed to study as far as fourth class in Amkhut, then again had been kept home. This was more opportunity than any of her brothers and sisters have had, but it was obvious that there were possibilities of leadership in this slip of a girl, no doubt inherited from her grandfather, the old Elder, who was the leader of this small community. We camped in this village in 1949, had daily classes with the women, and it was Premlatta who, with a happy laugh and a quick readiness, would sweep out the little Church and ring the bell before the meetings. After we left, the women continued to meet together for a service every week, and a couple of Jobat women would go out to fellowship with them. These women told us that it was Premlatta who organized each meeting, kept tab of memory verses learned so that they could be repeated, and her leadership was acknowledged by the older women, most of whom had forgotten any reading they had known. I wondered then if God would perhaps open up a way for such a girl to have more opportunity for learning and developing, but it was obvious that she was needed at home, as she made clothes and cooked the daily bread for her four younger brothers and sisters while her parents and older brother worked in the fields. Some months later, Premlatta's father ran off and it looked as if the family would break up. I wondered what effect was being wrought on those impressionable young lives by their having to face such sordidness, but their mother stood firm with her family until the father repented and returned. The next time I visited the village, Premlatta was absent and her mother begged me to try and make some arrangement for her girl that she might be away and forget the family humiliation. I could not take her around with me during the camping season, but I suggested that she come and study with Ruth in March of this year. March came and went, but no Premlatta. On enquiry, I found that her father had taken her to the Malwa plateau where there was the seasonal wheat cutting going on, and where cutters received a good quota of grain per day. I did feel disappointed but I knew that the grain her strong arms could bring into the home was greatly needed. Recently when I was away on holiday, a letter came saying that Premlatta was coming to Jobat in July. Would she come? The beginning of the rains is a busy time for farmers, and would she really be spared? Yes, she did come and has started in our programme of Bible studies, sewing, cooking, leadership training. What lies ahead of this village girl, now tall, slim, over 17 years old, always instant to help, studying seriously to keep up with the others of sixth class standing? Only the Father, to Whom I trust she will commit her young life, knows, and that is enough, for Premlatta, Ruth, Bhuri, and the many other Indian girls around here, are not ordinary in His sight. They are His beloved, bought and chosen to shine forth His beauty. Girls, just girls, but precious in His sight.

Now, God be thanked, Who has matched us with His hour,
And caught our youth, and wakened us from sleeping,
With hand made sure, clear eye, and sharpened power,
To turn, as swimmers into cleanness leaping,
Glad from a world grown old and cold and weary.

—Rupert Brooke.

Letter from Japan

BY MRS. W. E. P. RUMBALL

I AM enclosing a picture of the two Biblewomen who received assistance from the Women's Missionary Society last year while in their last year at Bible School. This was taken at the time of the examination by the Assembly Committee. They both graduated from Bible College this year and have been appointed to work. Miss Chung continues at Kawanishi (between Kobe and Osaka) and the little group there are planning to pay about a quarter of her salary. Miss Kim will be working at Kawasaki (between Yokohama and Tokyo) and will be associated somewhat with a lady missionary from Korea who is helping in that area; this is a temporary arrangement, of course. These are both fine girls. Following Miss Kim's examination we brought her home with us for a few days' holiday and to see the work in this area and we were very pleased with her. She will be a great asset to the work. Miss Chung is older, but a very fine steady worker and with a deep spiritual experience.

I want to tell you about the kindergarten which is being started in Nagoya. Miss Crane of Korea is there and has had many years' experience in this work; so she is helping to get the little school established. She feels that it could be the means of saving souls and that it is much needed among the many Koreans in that area. The people have got together and Miss Crane herself will help financially, to get it on a good basis. They will be able to get the equipment and repair the room a little and for three months Miss Crane will be responsible for the teacher's salary, but, of course, her stay here is uncertain.

We are trying to help in the matter of church buildings. There are some little churches ready to go ahead and help themselves which we had not expected to do so for another year or two. One is the little group at Shingi (near Kyoto) away in the mountains. They can get a place suitable and have given considerable and are asking the Kyoto Church to help. Yokohama is making plans for a small building and there also the people and the Australian lady helping in the work have plans and givings already in hand by which they believe that a small church could be built with only several hundred dollars more. A recent graduate has been appointed to work in Yokohama and he seems to be very zealous. The church owns its own ground so that saves a lot of money. The third, and last is Hiroshima. There are

and they hoped to have the dedication services in May or June. The Korean men in this area are loud in their praises of the Osaka Church and feel that the pastor is making a good job of it. He has had training in architecture and can supervise the work himself.

In a later letter to Mrs. Pye, Mrs. Rumball writes about three of the churches, two of which Toyohashi and Tokyo received money from the Society for construction: "We were able to visit the Nagoya Kindergarten on our way here and found it going on very well and the parents and Pastor Kim most enthusiastic about it. We also saw the Toyohashi Church which was about half completed and looks like a fine little building and very suitable for the need there. We also spent a few days in Tokyo and saw the new church there which is now completed but as yet not quite paid for so the dedication service will be delayed a while yet. This coming Sunday the new Osaka North Church is to be dedicated and I presume is all paid for. It is a beautiful little church and one can feel the very atmosphere of reverence on entering it. We are most pleased about it and especially with the effort which the people put forth and the way they have all worked together."

A Picnic in a Montreal Park

Miss Hilda Blackwell tells of her meeting with Scottish miners' families en route to Timmins.

In my last letter I told you that Mr. Pickup was going to Quebec to meet the "Samaria" which was bringing in another group of Scottish immigrants for Timmins with some wives of miners already there with their children. He stayed over to meet the "Volendam" also the following day. It was my job to meet the Hollinger group at the boat specials when he telephoned me the number of their coach and the expected arrival time. As the ship was late in docking, they were unable to catch the Friday night train from Montreal and the boat special arrived at Central Station early Saturday morning—7.30 daylight time. The coach for Timmins, which was to be vacated during the day, was to be put on the 8.20 Standard train that evening; so they had the whole day to spend in Montreal. The single men and two young couples went off by themselves or in groups; but the five women with eight children among them (ages 4 months to 7 years) didn't know what to do. After taking them to breakfast, I could see that they were too many for the small station nursery, so I arranged to take them to Murray Park, Westmount, on a picnic where the children could run off some of their energy on the slides, swings and sandpiles, and the women might get a little rest. I telephoned home to a friend and asked her to put on some eggs to boil. After settling the group in the park, I went home, stopping at a grocery store to get supplies; and then my friend and I prepared the lunch. Then we taxied back with our bags, bundles and bottles of soft drinks; and they made short work of everything we had taken. The children had a wonderful time with the toys and scrap books I took for them. One of the mothers said I was like Santa Claus. When we returned home with our bags and bottles, we took my camera back with us and got a few snaps, but by that time everything was packed up (and the children scrubbed up) to leave the park. It's too bad we forgot the camera on our first trip for we could then have got some "action" pictures—with clothing spread out on the grass to dry as the children had

Miss Blackwell on left with Scottish ladies found the wading pool while I was away getting the lunch. It took two taxis to get us all back to the station. The Station was alive with milling people at supper time and there was considerable confusion as the "Volendam" specials had arrived.

The women spoke very appreciatively to Mr. Pickup at the station of our efforts to entertain and look after them and so did the representative of the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines Limited who was travelling with the group and who had looked after the men. Rev. D. H. Powell wrote us from Timmins that this group had told him of the lovely picnic and one Scotch lassie mentioned the "lemonade" in particular.

A Letter From Miss Ellen Anderson

I THOUGHT the following news regarding work in our schools would be of interest.

Some time ago we introduced into many of our schools the Bible Readers' Plan, by which children or adults can secure a Bible simply by reading. The plan is as follows: The child receives a copy of St. John's Gospel, which, after reading, he gives to someone who is willing to read. He is then given a copy of St. Luke, which, after reading, he returns to us. He is given St. Mark, then St. Matthew which he reads and returns. After completing the four Gospels he receives a copy of the New Testament, which he keeps and begins to read, from Acts to Revelation. He is given a copy of the Psalms, then the Proverbs which he returns, and then he is the possessor of a Bible. These Bibles and portions come to us free of charge from the Bible Lovers' League of America, and we have cause indeed to be deeply grateful for these gifts.

Just recently I was pleased indeed when asked to take thirty-six Bibles on my next visit to one school, and very soon sixty-three Bibles were required in another. The latter school expected to require many copies of the New Testament in the near future for still more pupils who would qualify. Two Sunday Schools are being conducted by the teachers of this school, and the children who attend are glad to have their own Bibles to use in Sunday School. Many of these Bibles are placed in Hindu and Mohammedan homes. A head teacher told me of one Mohammedan boy who is regularly in attendance at the mosque, and yet had qualified to receive a Bible. The teachers have given splendid co-operation, for the most part, in supervising this reading, and the children of some schools have shown real enthusiasm. One teacher testified that in spare moments children were leaving library books in order to read the Bible, and that he noticed a difference in the lives and behaviour of those who were reading.

A new Sunday School was recently begun in the home of the father of one of our day school teachers. There are at least fifty children who almost fill his small house to capacity. He has secured benches and intends gradually to supply a number of hymn-books. "I should like to see two hundred children in the house", he said, and I replied, "then you would have to enlarge your house." He seemed even willing to do this.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter of appreciation for Bibles received from the First Assistant teacher of Wales School, also a picture of a boy receiving a Bible at a Bible Rally which was held some time ago at Burns Memorial Sunday School. An elder of Burns Church and a teacher in the Sunday School is making the presentations. He is the Secretary for distribution in the Sunday School. The missionary at the table is Reverend R. Hawkins of the Unevangelized Fields Mission whose

Receiving a Bible at a Bible Rally.

father is a member of the Bible Lovers' League which supplies the Bibles.

Dear Miss Anderson,

I have the greatest pleasure to enclose herewith a copy of the list of the names of children who have read the Gospels, the Psalms and Proverbs, and have received free "New Testaments" and "Holy Bibles".

The children and young people of this district, and particularly of the school, are extremely grateful to you, and to the members of the generous institution which sent them this wonderful gift.

I am convinced that these Bibles will be highly treasured by the receivers, and that they will be put into proper use since every reader has already been initiated into Scripture reading. And the end of it all I know will be a happy one, for some souls are sure to be led to the foot of the cross.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

T. S. J. Singh.

Mrs. H. M. Coulter (Edith A. Sinclair)

Mrs. H. M. Coulter, wife of Reverend H. M. Coulter, minister of Knox Church, St. Catharines, died August 27, 1951, after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Coulter was known throughout The Presbyterian Church in Canada for her service as National Girls' Work Secretary, as a writer for the Sunday School publications of our Church, as a member of the Board of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. She was known in her own community as a tireless worker in every organization of Knox Church, St. Catharines.

In 1926, when the work of the Presbyterian Church was in the throes of a great change, Edith A. Sinclair became National Girls' Work Secretary. It was she who rebuilt the girls' organizations, helping teen-age girls find again a place in the work of the Presbyterian Church. For three years she served in this capacity. In 1929 she became mistress of a manse. With the duties which that position entails, she was ever willing to aid the whole work of the Church. For several years she wrote the lesson material for the Intermediate-Senior Quarterly and the corresponding material in The Teacher, publications of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. As a member of the Deaconess Training School Board, she was Convener of the Candidates Committee.

Mrs. Coulter was greatly beloved in her own church. She was active in all the organizations: The W.M.S. Auxiliary honoured her by making her Honorary President; she taught a girls' Bible class; she helped in the Young People's Society. One of the things for which she is most remembered is for the help she gave to newcomers to the community in which she lived.

Of Mrs. Coulter it can be truly said that her life was spent in the service of her Lord and Master.

Chinese Children in British Columbia

EARLY in July, Miss Ruth Yeandle, Superintendent of Chinese children's work in Vancouver, wrote briefly about the closing in the kindergarten: "We had a very good closing and quite a bit of publicity. The children dramatized the story of Samuel. We also went visiting to West Point Grey Church. . . . The graduates marched up the aisles in their caps and gowns and scarlet lined hoods to the strains of When He Cometh played on the beautiful organ by our own Annie Wilson. The congregation was apparently much impressed by the dignity and poise of the children. They sang their graduation songs in Chinese and English; then they went to the Sunday School room where they were entertained by some of the children of the church. Several of the Chinese parents were made very welcome by both Mr. and Mrs. Evans.

"There were twenty-two in the graduating class this year. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President, presented the certificates."

"Dignity and poise" — Miss Yeandle said the congregation was impressed with the "dignity and poise" of the children. Do you wonder that they were impressed when you see Kenneth Ian Woo? What dreams the picture starts in one's mind! The future lies before him. It is a future which we know will be fraught with problems and great dangers—the greatest dangers probably will be in the realm of the mind and the spirit. Every one of us must prepare for such dangers. Kenneth has two assets to give him strength. He belongs to a strong Christian family. His mother was Miss Pansy Yeung, a member of a family who have given much to the work of our Church in this land. His second asset grows out of the first: his parents have seen that he has had a Christian education during some of his most formative years. This is the place at which the W.M.S. comes in. The Society provides the opportunity for these Chinese children to obtain a firm foundation in their education. Kenneth is well on his way toward Chris-

Kenneth Ian Woo

tian citizenship. Our thoughts and our prayers will go with him and all his fellow students as they proceed along life's way.

From Victoria Chinese Centre

Miss Gertrude Scott reports:

"We had our school closing on Wednesday, June 20th, and it really was a very happy afternoon. The item requiring the most preparation was an "opera", "Oh, Who Can Make A Flower?", and it was quite sweet. The cast was two gardeners, five flowers, the sun, five raindrops, four robins. The songs were simple and familiar, as they had been used for some months, so the children sang with confidence. The costumes were simple paper ones, and the robins especially "made a hit" with the audience. They were dressed in cardboard tubes covered with brown and red crepe paper, paper wings over their shoulders, and paper tails attached to the back. A few tails went askew during the flitting about, and one robin chirping with a water whistle, blew water all over his red breast, and the red began to run. Also one of the raindrops got his collar caught in another raindrop's trappings and tore it off, but these things did not detract from their acting at all. At the close of the programme, the children were given sweet little baskets of candies and cookies and little boxes of rosebud chocolates, through the kindness of two of the mothers."

Prayer for Fall Thankoffering Meeting

Almighty God, as we, in this hour, bow before Thee, grant to each one of us the realization that Thou art here indeed filling our hearts with adoration, love and gratitude.

Thou hast said ''They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing'' and at this season of harvest we thank Thee for the bountiful provision Thou hast made for us in nature, for the beauty of the heavens and the earth and for seed-time and harvest. May our hearts, by Thy grace, be kept tender and sensitive to Thy bounty so that our thankfulness may overflow in loving kindness in supplying the needs of others of Thy children in lands less richly blessed.

For the privilege of partnership with Thee, our Father, we thank Thee. May we be constrained by Thy goodness to consecrate all that we have and are to the service of mankind and the blessing of those in need. So may we help to overcome the unrest and selfish greed, and the false ideas that threaten our world today. Almighty God, in this time of urgent opportunity, strengthen the younger churches in the faith that we may work together to the end that all may be brothers in Christ.

All these things, with the forgiveness of our sins, we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sylvan Surroundings

BY MARJORIE D. BUCKLEY, EDMONTON

IT was my first camp in Canada—just a brief two-day spell beside Sylvan Lake. But the whole two days I was alight with interest and conjecture. It was grand to have a short swift swim in the sparkling (much too cold) lake—and each time I ran down the winding steps to the tiny crescent of beach, with it's background of bush and luxuriant lush grass, I marvelled afresh at the wonderful holiday facilities available in this amazing country.

The cabins were good; the bedding was warm and ample—a blessing for which "we were truly thankful" during this cold wet summer! The dining cabin was cheery, and the tables well-furnished with wonderful food, well-cooked and plentiful for the amazing sum of three dollars for the two days! (Indeed I pondered sadly that I might have brought the family for a few weeks, and really got ahead with my housekeeping money!)

The central Lodge had a warm stove, and a big room suitable for games or meetings and general get-togethers; and the boat on the beach was constantly being launched by the more nautical among us. . . .

By this time I hope you are eager and curious, and agog to hear the whys and the wherefors of the camp. Here is a string of names and facts linking the weekend on Sylvan Lake with several churches throughout Alberta. For of course it was the Presbyterian Young Women's Camp, directed by Mrs. John Kelman of Westmount Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. Another local lady, Mrs. E. M. Lawrence of St. Andrew's Church, was chairman of the camp committee, and responsible for much arranging of this and that, and generally getting things into working order! Miss Helen Kelman was the quietly efficient secretary.

Speaker at the Sunday afternoon session was Miss Grace Irvine (Youth Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.)). Her subject was "Foreign Missions" and stemming from it we had a grand discussion with many debatable points well-aired. And even if they were not all settled, they were none the worse for their airing!

I must tell you about our singing leader, Miss Margaret McLagan of Calgary. She was simply tireless! She organized rousing choruses and part-singing after nearly every meal, and we enjoyed every minute of it. Margaret McLagan is one of those rare souls with music in every fibre of her being, and the memory of her spontaneous songs at the Camp Fire will live with me through many a long month.

And as I finish, I must leave you with an impression of the Camp Fire we lit each night. We sat on logs, the long eerie shadows dancing around us, the silent lake spreading darkly into the distance. And good fellowship wrapped us so closely about, that it was almost a tangible reality! It was a grand experience—and certainly, I shall go to camp again.

A Successful Year at Camp Wasa

BY REVEREND T. E. ROULSTON

SITUATED in the shadow of the Rockies in the Kootenay Valley of British Columbia Camp Wasa, in this its fourth year, had possibly its most successful season to date. The enrollment showed an increase at practically all the camps, with each having a well-organized and efficiently conducted programme.

This year the camp added to its equipment a 40 foot drilled well. The work on the installation was donated by the Trans West Drilling Corp., the 40 foot 4″ pipe was the gift of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and the pump itself was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waldie of Kimberley in memory of their son Robert.

The Junior Camp (boys and girls 9-11) was directed by Rev. T. E. Roulston; the Young Mothers' Camp by Mrs. N. G. Robertson of Creston; the Girls' Camp (girls over 12) by Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary for B.C., and the Boys' Camp (over 12) by Rev. D. G. M. Herron of Kimberley.

Valiant service was rendered by a host of volunteers who assisted in various capacities. Particularly might be mentioned the cooks who "bore the heat and burden of the day" and well maintained the high standard of excellent meals served at the camp: Mrs. J. E. Laurie, Mrs. J. C. Little and Mrs. Margaret Finley. Mrs. D. C. Moore was camp nurse. The leaders included: Mrs. J. T. Henderson of Trail, Mrs. T. E. Roulston of Cranbrook, Miss Jean Mackay of Vancouver, Miss Margo Miller of Cranbrook, Miss Flora Whiteford, student-deaconess, Miss Lois Morris of Porthill, Idaho, Rev. N. G. Robertson, Mr. George Williams of Kimberley.

The camp was pleased to have this year several visiting ministers and their families from far and wide: Rev. James Milroy of Toronto, Rev. Charles Henderson of Appin, Rev. J. L. W. McLean of Victoria, Rev. D. A. Smith, Rev. C. E. Bray of Three Hills, Alberta, Rev. L. S. van Mossel of Nelson.

They Come To Hear A Message

A Story of the Chinese Women's Auxiliary, Montreal

BY MURIEL JUDD

"A RELATIVE of mine who has just come from China was at the auxiliary meeting last Saturday, and she enjoyed it so much," said Miss Woo, as we met on the street one day recently. The lady about whom we were speaking had never been to such a gathering before, and neither had many of the others who attended that meeting in May. They didn't know how to sing the hymns, and we had to help them find the Scripture portions as they were read. It was the first time that many of them had ever heard the Gospel message, and they listened very attentively as Mrs. G. P. Louie, our Chinese worker, spoke to them of God's great love revealed to us in His Son.

Our Auxiliary is rather different from most others. In other auxiliaries the members meet to learn of work being done in mission fields at home and abroad, whereas in our church the women come to listen to a message which, we pray, will either help them to become Christian, or to strengthen them in their faith. The message is given in their own language, usually by Mrs. Louie, and ocasionally by the minister, Reverend Paul Chan, or Reverend D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese work in Canada, or by some visitor. There are in our auxiliary a few professed Christians and several others who, we are sure, believe in their hearts but because of family influence have not yet been baptized, and in the past few months we have been happy to welcome new members from China, some of whom became Christians in the old land and who are a great help to us now, and still others who have never heard the Gospel before coming to our church. Some of these newcomers attend our English classes through the week, and it is a joy to see many of them attending church services quite regularly. The women are also visited in their homes by the workers, and it is our hope that they will look upon our church as their church home, where they may enjoy happy times together

Miss Muriel Judd

and above all come to know God as their heavenly Father and Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Friend. It is wonderful to have a new building and adequate facilities for our greatly increased opportunities. It may be of interest to note that, although we do not study mission work as other auxiliaries do, interest is shown in the work of the Society by the members of our auxiliary in their givings—our allocation has always been met up to now.

The doors have been closed to western missionaries in China, *but* they have been opened in Canada, for with the change in the immigration law two years ago Chinese women and children may now enter our country. If we can reach the women and children—and the men, too,—for Christ here, their influence may reach to China some day in the future. "God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform".

"A great door and effectual is opened unto us",—to us, the workers in the Chinese missions in Canada, and to *you,* the members of the Women's Missionary Society. Please support this work with your prayers and your givings, and by personal interest in these newcomers to Canada.

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To the Oversea

Mrs. Mildred Gehman,

Reg.N., B.Sc.

THERE will be few of our readers who are not familiar with Mrs. Gehman. From the time of her designation in Knox's Church, Galt, to the present day, her years of service to the missionary cause have been years of adventure and of great accomplishment. Her first field was Manchuria. After being evacuated from that area due to the Chinese Japanese war, she served briefly in a mission hospital in Canada and was then appointed to a South China mission in Yunnan. There she served as our missionary under the direction of the Church of Christ in China. While in Kienshui, Yunnan, she directed the establishment of a mission hos-

Miss Agnes Hislop

political conditions. For a third time, Mrs. Gehman is going out to a new field, this time to India. She will serve at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India. While on furlough this year, Mrs. Gehman acquired her Bachelor of Science degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. She majored in Public Health Supervision and won distinction for herself in achieving high grades in a difficult course.

Miss Agnes Hislop

By the time you are reading this, Miss Hislop should be nearing her destination—India where, after language study, she will be serving on the Jhansi field. Miss Hislop since 1949 has been on the National staff. Following her graduation from the Deaconess Training School, she worked as assistant to Miss Walker in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. From April, 1950, to the middle of December, 1950, she was in charge of a missionary van in Red Deer Presbytery. On June 27th of this year, Miss Hislop was designated in her home church at Meath Park, Saskatchewan. Miss Hislop's special training for her work was three months of actual missionary experience in British Guiana under the guidance of the workers there.

Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N.

Miss Pauline Brown, who is a graduate of Ottawa Civic Hospital and has served in their Out-patients Department during the past year, has been appointed by Council Executive to India to join the Mobile Clinic staff on the Bhil Field. Miss Brown comes to us with outstanding recommendations. She sails the middle of October with Mrs. Mildred Gehman.

Miss Margaret MacKenzie

Miss MacKenzie's name has been known to our Society as our children's worker at Tyndale House, Montreal. She has been serving there since August 1948. Prior to that, she was deaconess at Calvin Church, Toronto. Miss MacKenzie's home is in Port Arthur. She is a graduate of the Deaconess Training School. Miss MacKenzie will not begin her work on the Overseas staff until 1952. Then it is her hope that she may serve the Society and her Church among the Koreans in Japan. From January until time of sailing Miss MacKenzie will be enrolled at the Canadian School of Missions. Also, it is hoped that under the direction of Dr. Albright, she may be able to do some preliminary study in Japanese language and culture.

"Front Page News"

BY REVEREND HUGH MACMILLAN, M.A., PH.D.

(Continued from July-August Glad Tidings)

Happy Mount Leprosy Colony

THE Colony is under the management of a Board of Directors of which Mr. H. T. Dew is the chairman. Mr. Dew is a Christian business man in Taipeh and has a keen interest in all Christian services. The medical director resident at the Colony is Mr. Tio Tok-seng. The Colony is supported in part by grants from the Mission to Lepers in London, and the Mission To Lepers in New York; alternately one year from London, the next from New York. Part of the support comes from Colony rice paddy fields purchased by the far-seeing founder, Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor, but government tax on rice lands has taken a considerable part of this; tax exemption not having been obtained as yet. Some support is also made up from contributions raised locally at Christmas time. There were thirty-five patients in residence during the year, this number being all the funds could take care of. In the case of two patients, the disease has become arrested by prolonged treatment to such an extent that they may soon be discharged. All those resident are baptized Christians. At their regular Sunday services they take up offerings from their meagre resources which they use for helping others. On two occasions recently, they raised money for helping laboratory studies in Leprosy in Hong Kong University, and for helping the Christians in the Taiwan Government Leprosy hospital toward a projected church building.

Evangelism

The main emphasis in evangelism is of course on the day-to-day and week-to-week activity of ministers, special workers and lay people in the Church. In addition to assisting in this work, however, missionaries have a large part in other activities. Some of these are as follows: A weekly English Bible class is held every Friday evening in the Taipeh Y.M.C.A. This is under missionary leadership and is attended by fifty to one hundred young people. There is also a Leaders' Study Group which meets every Thursday evening at the same place. This is also missionary led. The Y.W.C.A. has similar groups where missionaries are active. Every Sunday from five to six p.m. is English Vesper Service time in the Taipeh Y.M.C.A. chapel. The service is taken by missionaries in turn, or by invited guest speakers. The average attendance is from eighty to one hundred. In addition, every Sunday evening from 7.30 to 8 is broadcast time over station B.C.A.F. Missionaries take turns giving radio talks on the International Sunday School Lesson for each following week. The station estimates this broadcast has at least 3,000 to 4,000 listeners. Reports on the reception signal have been received from as far afield as Sweden and New Zealand.

Many contacts are made weekly by missionaries with young Mandarin speaking people from the Mainland as well as with young Formosans. At least nine regular weekly Bible Study groups are held in churches and in homes in the city. Several scores of baptisms of mainland youth, many of them soldiers and sailors, have been reported during the year.

Biblewomen

During the year five Biblewomen have been working in the field. For the first time, we have had a woman doing follow-up work from the hospital. She goes to their homes after patients are discharged, continues the teaching given by the hospital Biblewoman and sees that they are linked up with the Church in their vicinity. The people in one of the homes asked for a Sunday School to be held there to teach their own and their neighbours' children, so the Biblewoman goes there on Sunday afternoons. She is much encouraged for almost every one is eager to be taught and many have come to believe through her efforts.

The hospital Biblewoman continues to work hard and uses the present unparalleled opportunity she has, to teach the patients. She begins by teaching the Romanized writing, which is always the entering wedge, and then goes on to give the message of eternal life.

One Biblewoman who has been working for a year is in one of the oldest churches in the north. During the war years and before, it was badly run down. Most of the Christians had moved away or had backslidden till no services were being held at all. One of the Taipeh churches became interested and began to revive the work. Then, our Biblewoman went there to live and she has done a very fine piece of work. When a missionary visited there on Sunday, several people asked if she saw any difference and she could only answer that there was a complete change. They have a well-ordered Sunday School and church services and a woman's meeting. Several people came and praised the Biblewoman's work as a teacher.

One Biblewomen has been in two different churches and has helped considerably in teaching the women and bringing in new members. The Biblewoman in Tamsui works in the surrounding villages as well as in the town itself. She holds daily Bible classes and visits in the homes, teaching and preparing new hearers for baptism.

What The Tabernacle Means To Me

This essay was written a year ago by Susie Kee—she was then 13 years old—at the Chinese Presbyterian Vacation Bible School, Vancouver, B.C. The essay was mimeographed and sent on to us by Reverend David Smith, who wants us all to know Susie.

IT is not easy to explain what the tabernacle means to me. My ability to learn all about its magnificence and glory and holiness in two weeks I'm afraid is not very good. In spite of that my knowledge about it has been increased a great deal in so short a time.

First of all, do you know, dear friends, what the use of the tabernacle is? Well you see, God wanted His people, the Israelites, to have a place where they could worship Him. So He planned and had them build this tabernacle. There they came to offer their sacrifices. That was, I estimated about 3,300 years ago or 1,400 years before Christ was born.

When I heard that I wondered, probably as you do now, why we do not offer sacrifices any more. The answer is because the Lord Jesus Christ died bearing our sins. Therefore, sacrifices are no longer needed to be burned for our sins. . . .

Now, you ask, who's allowed in the tabernacle? Only the priests and the high priest may enter. The high priest is their intercessor or mediator just as Christ is ours. Their's is an earthly intercessor while ours is a heavenly one. However, we are more fortunate than these people are because our Intercessor is eternal and absolutely sinless. For all we have sinned and come short of the glory of God, including the high priest. He is not allowed in God's presence until he has washed and cleansed himself physically. If he fails to do so it will mean death.

Now I will tell you what I know about the tabernacle itself. There is a court wall surrounding the tabernacle. It is 150 ft. long, 75 ft. wide and 7½ ft. high. It is impossible to climb over this wall without creating suspicion. Another thing is that the wall is made of cloth hung between 20 pillars at the side and 10 pillars at the front and back. There is only one gate and that is on the east side of the court. There is no other en-

Miss Susie Kee

trance except through this gate. That door represents the Lord Jesus Christ. There is also no other entrance into heaven except through Him.

The tabernacle has a roof composed of four coverings. The outer one is made of badger skins and the next one of ram's skins, the third of goat's hair and the last and most prettiest is the fine linen curtain woven with cherubims in blue, purple and scarlet.

The first room in the tabernacle is called the Holy Place. Oh what beauty meets the eye! Gold, gold is everywhere All the furniture in this room is gold.

The next room which is separated from the Holy Place by a veil is called the Holy of Holies. I was surprised to see only one piece of furniture in this room but learned later other articles are enclosed in it. Among them were the ten commandments which I hope you keep or try to keep.

One thing which struck me as unusual is that when God told the plan for building the tabernacle to Moses, He went so far as to explain every detail about the garments the priests and high priests should wear and even the kind of wood to use for the pillars on the court wall.

Even though I have not told you everything about the tabernacle I hope you have profited a little by reading this.

Now I ask you, dear friends, have you given your heart to the Lord Jesus Christ yet? Do you believe in Him? Have you made God your Father yet? Do you trust Him to save you from your sins? Have you eaten of the bread of life? Do you let the Saviour guide you through life's troubles and sorows? I hope that you can honestly answer all these questions with a "Yes", and join God's children on the King's highway.

Christ died willingly for you. How can you pass up a chance like that? Ask the Lord to come into your heart. Do it now, not tomorrow or later. Remember it may be too late!

From The Cody Lectures

BY DR. JOHN MACKAY, PRESIDENT, PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The ecumenical Church, he said, is co-terminous with the inhabited world and is the result of the missionary movement. It is bound together by the common allegiance of its members to Christ as Lord. Where Christ is, there is the Church. The reverse—where the Church is, there is Christ—is, however, not always true, Dr. Mackay maintained. This world-wide Church pursues unity and understanding among its members and is committed to missionary expansion.

A House That Was a Home

This story was written after a visit to the Gordon Homestead—the home of George and James Gordon, missionaries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, martyred in the New Hebrides approximately 100 years ago.

THERE is a strong link between Canada's Prince Edward Island and the islands comprising the New Hebrides. Thousands of miles, a hemisphere of space separates them, but the one received from the other a priceless sacrifice of love which has bound them for all time in a spirit of fellowship. Such is the power and the glory of God when His Spirit works among His children.

One hundred years ago now, on his farm near Alberton, Prince Edward Island, George N. Gordon was working, planning, studying, to serve his Master. Serve his Master, he did. He, his wife, and later his brother James sacrificed their lives as they worked among the citizens of Erromanga, teaching them the Gospel, and showing them how glorious their lives on earth can be when consecrated to Christ and His Kingdom. Today on Erromanga in the South Seas, there is living evidence that the lives spent there were not spent in vain. In 1948 on the island of Tangoa, the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides was inaugurated and consecrated.

The story of the Gordons has been recalled to us several times in recent years. Mrs. G. E. B. Spence, a guest in Canada from New South Wales, Australia, referred to them in an article she wrote for *The Glad Tidings*, June, 1950. "It has been said", she wrote, "that the seed of the Gospel was sown in the blood of the martyrs on these (South Seas) islands." It is recalled again now because the old homestead has been offered to The Presbyterian Church by descendants of the Gordon family who would like the memory of these brave Christian missionaries kept alive in our Church. The Presbytery of Prince Edward Island, unable to finance at the present time, the restoration and maintenance of the house are considering the erection of a cairn on the property. This means the old house must be removed.

There is something about an old house which stirs the imagination. Holiday time afforded an opportunity for us to visit Alberton and the Gordon home. The village seemed to have an unusually large number of churches for its size. "The people here are greatly interested in the Church's work", commented our host. West of Alberton we inquired the way at a farm house. A white-haired lady answered our request. "The Gordon homestead, the old empty Gordon house?" The lady smiled as she gave the direction but there came a look in her eyes as if to say: "Guard with care the earthly remains of the home whose traditions are dear to us".

The door of the old house was open. We made our way around the clump of trees through the long grass to the clapboard structure which outwardly did not conform to our idea of "an old empty house". Within, we wished the walls could speak and tell of the lives they had sheltered. "Which of these papers did the Gordons have do you suppose?" We fingered the several layers as they fell from the rust-red plaster. The kitchen made us wonder. Contrary to the usual large country kitchen, this one was small. Was it planned to save steps for the one who laboured there? A narrow stairway took us to the sleeping quarters. Three small bedrooms and three dark corners comprised the upstairs. The reddish touch on the plastered walls proclaimed the use that had been made of native materials.

In every room there was a stove pipe outlet to a large bricked-in chimney. Cold westerly winds blowing off the Gulf would not prevail against the warmth within the little white house. That evidence of warmth made an impression. The

From these fields to carry the Gospel to Erromanga.

story of the Gordon family indicated that their lives were filled with warmth of love for each other and for their fellows.

Long tangled grass endangered our exploration of the garden. We stumbled over the foundations of a milk house. Guarding all the remains of the farm buildings were many apple and cherry trees—so many, we could not easily make our way. Were the trees brought from the homeland? They were well protected from the West by a poplar-evergreen hedge; their branches were laden with fruit.

Surely here was a home! It was a home where Truth was acknowledged and proclaimed. It was a home where Love was a keynote of living. When the need for Christian service was known, nothing was allowed to hinder the accomplishment of that service. Dr. McNab in Martyrs of the South Seas says that George Gordon had great mechanical skill: "He could hew timber, frame a house, wield the blacksmith's hammer and ply the tailor's needle." He studied for the ministry. When he was appointed to New Hebrides, he commenced a study of medicine which he completed in a year's intensive work in London. He also acquired the rudiments of printing. George Gordon's qualifications one hundred years ago sound like a dream missionary candidate in 1951. There is no evidence that the qualifications were made possible by any mission board. They were the man's own preparations for a life among the native people and for an attempt to raise their standard of living and to teach a knowledge of Life Eternal. The home had a vital part in those preparations.

And then there was James. One day as he worked in the field there came word that his missionary brother had been murdered in Erromanga. He left the field and immediately began the long trail of preparation and years of missionary service which led him to his death on a cottage verandah by natives who had been stirred into violence by white traders and hostile chieftains who saw Christianity a threat to their prosperity. When James' death was reported to his aged and now sightless mother, she quietly said: "I wish that I had another boy to send that the heathen may receive salvation."

In this house, in these fields, one hundred years ago, there lived a brave family. Its members gave priceless gifts to the world. We stood at the edge of an oat field. Was this the place where James Gordon dropped his plough and took up the Book? Did George wrest from this red soil the gifts of nature to furnish him with the tools to serve his Master? Below the hill a small power plant thumped steadily as it converted a typical Island stream into light for the surrounding country. George and

James Gordon had taken from their home a Power which gave Light to a whole nation.

As we turned to go, a sumach ablaze with autumn colour, swayed in the breeze, a glorious reminder that the Christian life does not end in dreams or on this earth, but that God who is Father of us all has promised that those who live for Him shall live with Him through all Eternity.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

On the Literature Page in the September issue of the *Glad Tidings* there is a brief outline of the Auxiliary Study for 1951-52, MEET THE SOUTH AMERICANS. At the end of the page reference is made to supplementary reading books which will help us to understand the South Americans and the work of the Christian Church in that land.

As all age groups are thinking of South America this year it is important that leaders of the younger age groups as well as all members of the auxiliaries store their minds with as much background information about South America as it is possible to secure.

WE AMERICANS:
NORTH
AND
SOUTH
George P. Howard

A book which provides this background is WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH by George P. Howard, published by Friendship Press. The author, a son of missionaries to Argentina was born in South America, received his early education there and is a citizen of the country of his birth. For many years he has been an Evangelical lecturer under the auspices of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America. He is well known as a Protestant lecturer and preacher in all of Central and South America. It is generally conceded that no man of this generation is better able than Dr. Howard to interpret Christianity to the Latin mind or to interpret Latin America to the North American mind.

WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH outlines the historical and religious forces which brought into being and shaped the various republics of South America; it tells of some of the great Protestant missionaries and how they went to South America; the state of religious liberty in that land; the influence of economic conditions; the relationship of South America and North America; and the way in which the Evangelical Church works through schools, hospitals, student work, radio, Christian Literature and many other means. In short, WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH answers "What is going on in Latin America and what is the state of religion among those peoples?"

All who read WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH will have a wealth of authentic information in their minds as they think about and discuss the work of the Protestant Church in South America.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Miss E. L. McClelland

The Auxiliary Annual Meeting

ANNUAL meetings occupy a large place in the Presbyterial, in the Synodical and in the whole society, much thought going into the preparation and carrying out of their programmes. Can the same be said of the auxiliary practice? Is the meeting one of real value and interest to the auxiliary member or is it something hurried through perfunctorily? Observation of many auxiliary annual meetings attended would lead one to the conclusion that the annual meeting is not an important event in the auxiliary year.

Is this wise? As we approach now the close of another year will you give this matter careful consideration? It is often said—and with truth—that the auxiliary members are the Society, the auxiliary the king-pin. Should not then the auxiliary accounting be the important ground-work of all our reporting?

The next meeting of the auxiliary executive will be charged with the arrangement of the December meeting. I should like to urge that special effort be concentrated on making this meeting the climax of the year; it can be made both interesting and profitable. To this end some practical suggestions are offered:

1. Endeavour to imbue each secretary with the importance of her own department and with the desire to present a true and arresting picture of the year's achievement.

2. Request all secretaries to come to the front and speak distinctly when presenting their reports.

3. Have free discussion of each report, focussing attention not only on the encouraging aspects but also on the weak spots, with the object of improvement in the subsequent year.

4. Give dignity and due importance to the election and installation of officers by following proper procedure. This is a place where the minister might well be asked to officiate in demonstration of the fact that the Women's Missionary Society *is* an organization *within the Church.*

—(Mrs. J. G.) Alice Inkster

YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. C. N. Johnston, Secretary

Dear Members,

RECENTLY I sat at lunch with a friend who had just returned from serving her Church in Africa. Many and varied were the subjects we discussed. Time was forgotten as she shared with me some of her satisfactions, hopes and failures of the past several years. Not once did she mention personal sacrifice or privation. Finally, I ventured the question: "But there must be some hardships, too. What do you mind most?" "Lack of concern on the part of folks at home", was her immediate answer. "To know that we are upheld by your prayers can mean untold strength. If the home church knew just what its interest and prayers can do in undergirding the work of its missionaries, surely they wouldn't let us down!"

"*If the home church knew*".

This year there will be no excuse for not knowing at least *one* field — South America — well. The study MEET THE SOUTH AMERICANS, prepared by our Literature Secretary, Miss Louise A. Reith, is, in my opinion, one of her best, and the supplementary books are as interesting as any "best seller".

But excellent as these materials are, we are not relieved of the responsibility of designing the programme to fit our particular group. Just as the well-dressed woman is the one who adjusts clothes to fit her particular personality, so we must experiment with methods, select materials from every available source, highlight our meetings with pictures, posters, music and story. Use as many members as possible. People remember what they *say* longer than what they *hear!*

Yes, it's our Christian obligation to *know*, but this year knowing can mean an adventure in human interest.

—Grace Irvine.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

Our Part in the Story

JULIE blew a cloud of dust from the nail-studded trunk, then ignoring its protesting squeaks and groans, she lifted its ancient top. The dim light of the attic glowed softly on mounds of red and green satin, black taffetas and lace. Julie burrowed like a puppy into the folds and finally dug out a long blue and wine striped cloth (When she was very little, it had been draped across a couch in her Grandmother's home). It was exactly the thing for her role as Abraham. A brownish sash (which had started out in life as a pillow cover) and a linen towel tied on her head with a red cord would make a very convincing costume. Julie unearthed a few extras to help costume Joseph and David and Samuel if the need arose—and then rushed down the attic stairs.

When Julie opened the door of the ladies' parlour two hours later, it was like walking into another country in another age. Like a market in a Syrian city, there were shepherds and herdsmen and Arabs and Greeks, all wandering about with tongues and arms flapping in high excitement. Everything was ready for the Bible pageant that the teen-age girls of Mrs. Bruce's Sunday School class were putting on for the whole Sunday School. Armed with pins and Scotch tape, Mrs. Bruce was making last minute costume repairs.

At last the lights were dimmed, the curtains raised, and an excited hush fell on the audience. In the dim glow of a campfire, a circle of Hebrew people sat and talked far to the left of the platform. Then the Hebrew father began to unfold the favourite of all stories to his children. With a scroll in his hand, he began to tell of their forefather Abraham, and of God's promise to him and to read from the sacred scroll. Bit by bit, he unrolled their past to his children, with all its glories and its shame. Bit by bit he taught them of God's plans for their race and how each one of them had a part in the plan and the story. Even his little eight year old Ishmael, he said, must learn God's way, and then live it with God's help and guidance.

As the father spoke, at the proper time in the story, the actors of the Bible stories glided out of the dark wings and onto the stage. There many scenes were acted as the story proceeded—Moses demanding of Pharoah to let his people go, David being chosen by Samuel, a Hebrew family being taken captive to Babylon—and so on to the very end of the Old Testament.

In the second Act, Ann Macpherson, dressed as Stephen made his speech before the council as it is recorded in Acts 7. Stephen showed them clearly how all this past was the one story. Men were always choosing their own way of sin and hate instead of God's way, and yet God forever loved His children and sought to win their love and their obedience. And now these men had hated and killed God's own Son and were intent on killing His followers. Julie thought she would never forget the stillness in her heart when Stephen stood bravely before all the stony-faced council, whose hearts burned to put him to death. There he told them the bitter truth "Ye do always resist the Holy Ghost—as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted and now you have been the betrayers and murderers of the Just One". With that the elders rushed upon Stephen and dragged him from the stage to stone him. From the wings, his voice rang out "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit", "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

It was all very real to Julie. Abraham and Moses and David and Stephen were familiar names to her, but she had never quite realized that they were as real people as were she and Mary Daniels and Ann Macpherson, and not story-book people. Hearing words from the Bible spoken this way made her realize that they had just as much meaning for the living audience in the Sunday School hall, as they had ever had for Hebrew families or councils of elders thousands of years ago. It was the same story today—people carried on as if there were no God at all and as if Christ had never even been born, much less raised from the dead. All of a sudden Julie felt she just had to know more about this Bible where the story of God's dealings with real people was told so vividly. It wasn't a dead book written for dead people by dead people—it was a living book for today, for each one of us.

When she went to her Sunday School teacher after the pageant to ask if they couldn't have more time spent on Bible study and more pageant work, Julie found three girls already there, all asking Mrs. Bruce the same thing. Right then and there it was decided they would have a midweek group — a C.G.I.T. group, probably. Their very first project they decided would be a study of Paul's life and a dramatization of some of its chief incidents. It promised to be a wonderful autumn.

—*Helen Bricker*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

THE theme of the Mission Study for Children's Groups, as for all age groups in 1951-52, is SOUTH AMERICA. This year there are two study packets for the children. One packet is for the Primary age group (6, 7 and 8 years), which means it will be the one used by many of the Mission Bands; the other for the junior age group (9, 10 and 11 years), which is for the Explorer Groups and the Mission Bands which have in their membership a majority of junior age children.

Each packet contains a story book published by Friendship Press and suited to the particular age group. For the primary people there is the story picture book with the delightful title, THE CHILDREN DOWNSTAIRS, by Virginia Mazer and Hazel V. Orton. This book has been designed so that a photograph matches each page of story text. Through these picture stories Canadian children will become acquainted with the boys and girls of South America; they will hear of customs different from their own but will be made aware of the many more likenesses than differences that are to be found. For this packet Miss Elizabeth Moodie, the Associate Children's Work Secretary, of our Church, has prepared detailed programme outlines telling how THE CHILDREN DOWNSTAIRS may be used effectively and has added stories and information about British Guiana and the work that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is doing there.

For the juniors the story book OFF TO BRAZIL by Nina Millen takes Canadian boys and girls with Connie and Bruce and their father and mother on a plane trip to Brazil. Through this trip juniors will learn much about Brazil. They will meet the people, become acquainted with the environment in which they live and their way of life and they will see the Church at work in that land of South America. For this packet Miss Lily M. Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, of our Church, has prepared programme outlines suggesting ways of presenting OFF TO BRAZIL effectively and including stories and information about our Church"s work in British Guiana.

It is hoped that as the primary and junior children become acquainted with the boys and girls of South America they will feel one with them and will become more conscious of the heavenly Father's love and care for His children everywhere.

—*Louise A. Reith*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KOOTENAY Presbyterial — Members of the Mission Band and Explorer groups of St. Stephen's Church, **Creston,** took part in a special programme. Miss E. Marshall presided over the meeting while those assisting were: Donna Hinch, Janet Speers, Rodger Nickel, Allan Ellard, Doris Boyd and Judy Hinch. Slides on our Indian and Chinese Mission work, and also Val d'Or were shown.

Westminster Presbyterial—The June meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of Robertson Presbyterian Church, **Vancouver,** took the form of a picnic luncheon and after a delightful meal, served by the executive, an enjoyable program of contests was enjoyed.

Guest speaker at the affair was Rev. E. L. Garvin, who gave some highlights of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church held recently in Ottawa.

SASKATCHEWAN

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NORTHERN Saskatchewan women were chosen to head the Saskatchewan Synodical of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada when the annual meeting was held in Saskatoon. At the final session of the two-day gathering held in St. Andrew's Church, delegates accepted by acclamation a slate of officers which put the sub-executive in Saskatoon for the first time in many years. Miss J. E. Walls is the new President, succeeding Mrs. Wm. Kelly of Moose Jaw, who retired after five years as Synodical President.

Closing words of the convention were given by Mrs. Frank Wood of Regina who appealed for the cause of the Society to be made known to the women of the church. If anything would bring peace among nations, she said, it was the spirit of humble devotion and self-sacrifice embodied in the Women's Missionary Society.

Moose Jaw Presbyterial—The combined July-August meeting of Knox W.M.S. Auxiliary, **Weyburn,** took the form of a Home Helpers meeting, and the good attendance was most gratifying. Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Toronto, the wife of a former minister of Knox Church, was the guest speaker.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Delegates from **Weirdale, Shipman, Meath Park** and **Clouston,** along with members of Prince Albert Auxiliaries, convened in Prince Albert on June 16th for the Northern Sectional meeting of Prince Albert Presbyterial, held in St. Paul's Church, **Prince Albert.** The morning devotionals were led by members of Prince Albert Auxiliaries, while members of the Weirdale Auxiliary had charge of the afternoon devotional period.

Mrs. A. Chesley, Jr., of Shipman, was named delegate to the Council Meeting to be held September 25 to 28 in Regina. A delegate from Weirdale will represent the Presbyterial at this year's summer school.

During the luncheon, Miss Bailey, Presbyterial President, extended an official welcome to all members and guests. Response was made by Mrs. Chesley. Rev. H. K. Caslor, brought greetings from the Presbytery and reminded members that the various departments of the church made up the "Church Family" so that the work of God would prosper and go forward.

Guest speakers heard during the afternoon included Student Deaconess, Miss F. Goertzen, van worker in the Prince Albert district, who spoke of her work visiting districts where parishioners have no church. Miss Margaret Boyd, driver of the van, spoke of her work and experiences which included organizing Sunday Schools, so that young people can learn the word of God. Mrs. Wm. Hislop, mother of Miss Agnes Hislop, appointed to India, was a special guest of the afternoon.

Prior to the close of the sessions, the members passed a resolution that sectional meetings be continued yearly as it was felt that they provided ''spiritual inspiration and friendship among the members.'' Members were invited to hold next year's sectional meeting at Shipman.

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BRANDON Presbyterial — St. Paul's Auxiliary, **Hartney,** were honoured to have Mr. Wenchi Kim as guest speaker at their annual deGroot meeting. Reverend L. L. deGroot served Hartney Church for several years when he was a student and the W.M.S. members are very interested in his work now in Formosa. Each year a special meeting is devoted to increasing our knowledge and interest in the work that is being carried on by our Church in the Far East. A trust fund has been started for the deGroot family and a thank-offering was taken and added to it. Mrs. J. G. MacBurney, Auxiliary President, presided and she also gave a few highlights of the General Assembly which she had attended in June. Members of Melita Auxiliary took part in the devotions. Visitors were present from Melita and Boissevain Auxiliaries and also from the Anglican and United Churches in Hartney.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — A joint meeting of the Home Helpers and the Auxiliary of Knox Church, Stonewall, was held at the home of Mrs. B. Gerdes, on June 28. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, was guest speaker, and took as the subject of her address, ''The Family Unit'' and ''The work of the Home Helpers Department''.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —On Wednesday, June 20, at 3 p.m., the annual Social and Home Helpers meeting of Knox Church W.M.S., **Walkerton,** was held. The president, Mrs. F. Rowand, was in the chair, and the programme, in charge of Mrs. Ed Krampp, consisted of an interesting article on British Guiana and musical selections. A letter from Miss Beatrice Scott of the Jhansi Field was read, after which a few moments of silent prayer for our missionaries and their needs were observed.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Each Senior, Evening, Young Women's, C.G.I.T., Explorer and Mission Band Group in Hamilton Presbyterial has been sent a name of a patient in the Hamilton Sanitarium with whom they are to make friendly contact during the year. In several instances, personal visits already have been made, while various groups have reported the sending of letters, cards and copies of ''The Glad Tidings''

Salem Cottage Evening Auxiliary of **Caledonia** reports 75 members and friends attended their June picnic where they entertained the ''Farther Lights'' Mission Band and Junior Choir of the church.

The ''Mildred Soutar'' Auxiliary of St. John's Church, **Grimsby,** recently celebrated their sixtieth anniversary with a birthday party. Greetings were brought from Mrs. D. Munro, Miss M. B. McQuesten, Mrs. D. Allan, and from the Smithville and Beamsville auxiliaries. A short memorial service was held, honouring departed members. The history of the auxiliary, read by one of the members, was an interesting item on the programme.

Mrs. J. E. Clare convened the annual June Tea of the Hamilton Presbyterial held in St. John's Church, **Hamilton,** on June 21. Mrs. Duncan Allan and Miss A. Ritchie received the guests.

Stratford Presbyterial—The W.M.S. of Burns' Church, **Milverton,** records their great loss, in the death of Miss Eliza Riddell, on July 3, 1951. Miss Riddell was a charter member of the society, organized in June, 1893. She was devoted to the work of the church, and to the Missionary society.

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BARRIE Presbyterial—The theme of the annual meeting of Barrie Presbyterial was ''Lengthen Thy Cords and Strengthen Thy Stakes''. Miss Frieda Matthews showed slides and gave a commentary about work among the Canadian Indians and Chinese children in British Columbia. Two discussion groups on ''The Stranger Within Our Gates'' were held. The first group emphasized that everyone should be a welcome and welfare worker. In the second group, associated societies were likened to member nations of the British Commonwealth. Members were urged to have inter-auxiliary meetings, and classes to encourage adults to take office. Knox Mission Band, **Midland,** received the award for the best Mission Band display. Mrs. E. O. Rawson was re-elected President.

Guelph Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of **Eden Mills** celebrated their sixtieth anniversary on July 6. Members from **Acton, Campbellville, Rockwood** and **Guelph** auxilaries were present to participate in this special occasion. A brief history of the society from 1891 to 1951 was given by Mrs. Mino. Mrs. John Smith of St. Paul's Church, Guelph, was the guest speaker and chose as her subject, ''Christian Womanhood''.

One hundred and twenty-five teenage girls, members of Presbyterian Girls' Organizations in the Guelph Presbyterial, held a spring rally in **Guelph.** Games and singing were followed by a picnic supper. Miss Helen Bricker, National Girls' Work Secretary, was guest speaker and urged the girls to be good soldiers for Christ. Girls from St. Andrew's Church, Galt, conducted a singsong, and the Hespeler C.G.I.T. led the worship service.

Kingston Presbyterial—Foxboro Auxiliary report with profound sorrow the death of their beloved President, Mrs. Charles Bailey, who was called to be with her Lord on August 24th. She was a highly esteemed member of The Presbyterian Church and a Life Member of the W.M.S. for many years.

Orangeville Presbyterial—The sixty-fifth annual meeting and rally of the Orangeville Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Caledon East.** The president, Mrs. R. D. Fraser, was in charge. Words of welcome were given by Miss

MacQuarrie and responded to by Mrs. Aitken of **Hillsburg.** Mrs. Gillespie, hospital visitor from Toronto, was speaker for the morning session. Rev. Dr. W. A. Cameron, Secretary of Foreign Missions of the General Board of Missions, was the guest speaker, and was introduced by Mrs. E. C. A. Reynolds. Dr. Cameron very vividly described our work in British Guiana. There are 31 schools in British Guiana, and every day there is a twenty-minute period for religious education. ''We have every opportunity for Christian teaching in the schools,'' Dr. Cameron said.

Rev. A. E. Bailey conducted the installation of officers, basing his remarks on John 15.

Saugeen Presbyterial — The thirty-sixth annual meeting of Saugeen Presbyterial was held in **Durham.** The Treasurer's report showed that the allocation had been oversubscribed. During the afternoon session, Miss L. Macarthur of Toronto spoke of the work in a Chinese church in Montreal, of a school at Vancouver, and Bible schools in the Peace River District and at Fort St. John. Mrs. A. E. Toombs, formerly a missionary in India, spoke of the work in Central India at Barwani.

Temiskaming Presbyterial — The thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held at St. Paul's Church, **Englehart.** Reports of C.G.I.T., Young Women's and Children's Secretaries showed several new organizations had been started through Miss Ruby Walker's visit last fall. Mrs. Fred Somers was elected President. Mrs. J. Cathcart, **Bobcaygeon,** was the guest speaker, taking as her theme, ''Be strong, put on the whole armour of God.''

Toronto East Presbyterial — A rally for Presbyterian teen-age girls was held in Riverdale Church, **Toronto.** Over eighty girls registered. In the afternoon, Home Missions were presented in picture and story by Miss Frieda Matthews. After an hour of musical games, and supper, foreign missions were presented in a film. The evening closed with a worship service in charge of Glenview girls. Handwork was displayed.

Toronto West Presbyterial — The fiftieth anniversary of Bonar Auxiliary, **Toronto,** was celebrated with a service in the church. The past history of the Auxiliary was read by Mrs. C. A. Culley. Greetings were brought from Council Executive, Synodical Society, and Toronto West Presbyterial.

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — A sectional meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Spencerville,** with representatives from Mountain, South Mountain, Kemptville and Spencerville present. Mrs. Charles Mullen presided assisted by the Secretary, Miss O. Cameron. Mrs. George Gillespie of Ventnor extended a cordial welcome to all present and the response was made by Mrs. Archie McCrae of South Mountain. A service of remembrance was conducted by Mrs. Weldon Carlyle and Mrs. Earl Lapp of Mountain. The guest speaker was Mrs. Wm. Fitsimmons of Cardinal.

Glengarry Presbyterial — The Annual Sectional meeting of District No. 6 was held at the home of Mrs. A. S. McMeekin, on the afternoon of July 6, with fifty ladies in attendance. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa

Synodical Society, who brought greetings, and outlined the work of our several missionaries, incidents and influences affecting their lives and work, and made a strong plea for increased membership and service. Friends of Mrs. Baker accompanied her from Montreal, and by their presence and interest in missionary work, added to the success of the meeting.

Finch Auxiliary held a very well-attended Home Helpers meeting in July, Mrs. W. J. McKillican of Moose Creek was guest speaker and her subject was ''The origin of the Home Helpers department'' and she told how ladies in the congregations may be of help in the total outreach of the mission programme.

Montreal Presbyterial — The officers and members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **St. Lambert**, regret to report the loss, by death, of Miss Margaret Rowat, an efficient leader and tireless worker.

Ottawa Presbyterial—At the September meeting of Ottawa Presbyterial a memorial service was held for Mrs. J. R. Hill, who passed away in July. Mrs. Hill had been Presbyterial President for eleven years and during that time had endeared herself to every auxiliary in the Presbyterial by her willingness at all times to answer a call for a speaker, for counsel, information and inspiration, of which she had an inexhaustible store. Her loss will be felt farther afield than her own Presbyterial as she had been both Mission Band Secretary and Press Secretary of the old Provincial Society and was the first Press Secretary of the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa, which just prior to her death, had made her an Honorary President. Our sympathy goes out to her daughter, Isabel, who is following in her mother's footsteps as a faithful W.M.S. worker.

Editor's Note—I would like to add just a word of personal appreciation to these from her own Presbyterial Society. It is fitting that tribute be paid her in these columns for in this part of the work of our Society, Mrs. Hill gave much time and thought. She saw how important the auxiliary meetings are in the whole life of the Society. She saw too, how much the sharing of those meetings meant to members of the Society in all parts of the country. Mrs. Hill did much to help me become acquainted with the Society's work in my first year as Editor. I too feel that I have lost a good friend and advisor. .. . . M.E.W.

Ottawa Presbyterial Executive made plans for the annual Mission Band Rally to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, October 13, and for the annual tea to be held at the home of the President, Mrs. G. Scott Murray, in November.

Vernon Auxiliary was hostess at a Sectional meeting which was attended by close to eighty W.M.S. members from **Ottawa, Kars, Manotick, Gloucester, Richmond** and **Stittsville,** with nineteen members of Presbyterial Executive present. Mrs. Dow of Vernon presided, and devotions were led by Mrs. George Sparks, Recording Secretary of Presbyterial.

Mrs. G. Scott Murray, Presbyterial President, gave an address on ''Faith, Prayer and Service'', and Mrs. T. H. Thomas, Evening Department Secretary, told of the Conference held in London, Ontario, for Evening Department leaders. The presidents of the various auxiliaries told of auxiliary activities, and plans were made to hold next year's Sectional meeting at Gloucester.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July and August, 1951

RECEIPTS:

Young Women's Rally, Winnipeg Presbyterial	$ 11.10
A Friend, “Christian Literature”	200.00
A Friend, “Work in British Guiana”	80.00
Mrs. Fletcher, Chatham, “Christian Literature”	100.00
Evening Hour, Ripley Presbyterian Church, “Christian Literature”	10.00
“Miss B. Scott's Work, India”	10.00
Pension rates from workers	40.00
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	11,479.19
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	300.00
Miss E. Henderson, Toronto “Happy Childhood Magazine”	25.00
Evening Department Conference, London, “Overseas and National Work”	251.00
Roberts Creek Intermediate Camp, “Missionary Work in India”	9.05
Wasa Lake Camp, “Overseas Work”	20.67
Mr. Ross Taylor, Toronto, “In Memory of Mrs. Daniel Strachan”	10.00
A Friend, “In Memory of Mrs. Daniel Strachan”	10.00
Mrs. J. A. Elliott, “In Memory of her daughter, to be used for Christian Literature”	5.00
Income Tax received from Workers	33.00
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	1,903.00
British Columbia, Supplies	285.08
Alberta	770.00
Alberta, Supplies	245.75
Saskatchewan	761.65
Saskatchewan, Supplies	59.70
Manitoba	915.80
Manitoba, Supplies	27.30
Toronto and Kingston	7,179.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	1,446.65
Hamilton and London	5,200.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	1,505.55
Montreal and Ottawa	3,370.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	682.00
	$36,945.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	$ 3,141.35
Cecilia Jeffrey School	395.80
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	6,279.18
Birtle Indian School	366.66
Deaconesses	2,151.93
Chinese in Canada	2,009.59
Port Work	321.26
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Montreal	1,057.38
St. Margaret's Centre	229.68
National Advance	749.22
Expenses of two Vans	100.00
India—Bhil Field	266.66
Taiwan	250.00
New Missionary	324.99
Missionaries' Travelling Expenses	306.69
Christian Literature	450.00
Organization	2,252.75
Publications	3,618.94
Exchange	8.45
Administration	2,695.78
Supplies	1,254.24
Deputation	302.30
Insurance and taxes	187.48
Life Membership	61.80
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Candidates	72.37
Grants	10.00
Repairs to Gonor Church	250.00
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Hospitalization rates	62.00
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Estate of Mrs. Marion Kydd, Estevan, Saskatchewan	$ 427.15
Sale of St. Margaret's Centre, Toronto	24,199.66
Estate of Miss Grace G. McLean, through Duffs Church Auxiliary, Puslinch, ''Christian Literature''	100.00
Payment on Windermere Property	50.00
Interest	298.50
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	300.00
Special Fund—	
Interest	166.25
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EDITORIAL

10,000 New Members — 100 New Groups

THAT is the objective of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) for the year 1952.

The *Aim and Purpose* of our Society is to unite the women, girls and children of the Church in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad. Our Objective, then, is in line with our Aim and Purpose.

Nearly two thousand years ago Christ said to His followers: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth". If we interpret this for us, it would read—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me in your home community (Jerusalem) and in all the neighbouring communities (Judea) and in Canada (Samaria) and unto Formosa, India, Africa, Latin-America (the uttermost parts) wherever there is opportunity and need.

In this, the missionary outreach of the Church there is a place for every woman, girl and child, and for every man in every congregation and mission field within our Church. Until such is true we as a Church are not making our full witness. Many see just their own Church or community; their vision, perhaps, takes in their own country but then it dims. Others, in their enthusiasm to reach out overlook the need at home. The field is world-wide—work in all areas at one and the same time.

In our Presbyterian Church today we have approximately 40,000 women, girls and children banded together in the Women's Missionary Society in some 1,700 groups. You know and I know that does not begin to represent the number that there could be. Is then our objective an impossible one?

10,000 New Members—This represents slightly more than 25% of the present membership. Expressed in another way it means *one* new member for every *four* that we now have.

100 New Groups—This is an increase of approximately 6%. A study of the 1950 Annual Report was made taking *one* city from each of the *seven* Synodicals. In those churches where Senior Auxiliaries were reported we followed through to see how many had an

Evening Department Auxiliary, Young Women's Auxiliary, Girls' Organization, Explorer Group or Mission Band. *We discovered openings for a possible 303 groups—123 in one city alone!* Allowing for the fact that in some instances there may not be young women for a Young Women's Auxiliary, children for a Mission Band or the personnel for other groups, there are still many opportunities for organization of new groups.

10,000 New Members! — 100 New Groups!

What about it? To sit and hope will not bring results. It will mean hard work. Are you in earnest that it can be done? Do you covet for others the satisfaction that is yours in having a share in making Christ known to the uttermost parts of the earth?

What will be required of us?

Reconsecration of each member and the realization by her that she has a responsibility to seek new members.

Exploration by all groups now organized of the possibilities for new groups within their congregation. Senior groups have a responsibility to find suitable leaders for Girls' and Children's groups and finding them to encourage and support them in their undertaking.

Presbyterial Department Secretaries must be keenly interested and *alert*—in constant touch with present groups and ready to give all possible assistance in establishing new groups.

Synodical Department Secretaries will be required to have contact with their Presbyterial Secretaries giving them help and encouragement.

Council Executive Department Secretaries and National Secretaries have the responsibility of providing information, direction, and encouragement for Synodical Secretaries.

This is a *chain*—only as strong as the weakest link. Let us examine ourselves to be sure that each of these links is as strong as it is possible for it to be.

10,000 New Members —

— 100 New Groups!—

Joined with us in fulfilling our *Aim and Purpose* — prayer — and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad.

— This is our *Objective for 1952.*

— The time to launch it is *Now* —immediately Council is over.

— It's success depends upon *Cooperation* throughout our Society from the individual members of every group to Council Executive *But* above all with Christ, Whose we are and Whom we serve. He has promised to be with us. He has said "Without Me ye can do nothing".

Those of us who were privileged at last year's meeting to hear the late Mrs. Strachan present her stirring challenge that some plan might be formulated which would bring a greater number of the women into the larger service of the Church, know how dear to her heart was this hope. Our Objective is a beginning toward the realization of this. What more fitting memorial could we raise to one beloved throughout our Society than to reach and exceed our objective?

"For unto whomsoever much is given of him shall be much required." (Luke 12: 48).

God in His mercy hath richly blessed us. He asks of us:

Our Prayers—always.

Our Time—for study, worship and work.

Our Gifts—as we have received.

Let us earnestly

Press Toward The Goal.

—*Helen M. Horne.*

The Sound Of A Trumpet

BY REVEREND NORMAN D. KENNEDY, M.C., M.A., D.D.

This is the first in a series of meditations given by Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, D.D. at the Council Meeting in Regina.

If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?

THERE was one incident in Scripture well known to all where the trumpet gave a very definite sound—the city of Jericho—its walls fell down and it was immediately subdued and Israel, after forty years of wilderness wandering, entered into its inheritance in the Promised Land.

Unfortunately in the history of the Christian Church the trumpet has not always given a certain sound. Even Divine movements of history have come short of their achievements, oftentimes because of plain selfishness. Even the Reformation had its bitter moments when the uncertainty of the sound of the trumpet caused dismay and to some extent robbed the Reformation of that full spiritual power which it sought to create.

If we ask ourselves why was the Christian Church so successful in the first century we know that the emphasis of the Pentecostal message and the power of the Spirit contributed in great measure to the way in which they were able to turn the world up-side-down. We are assured from that experience that we do not need any supernatural gifts. These men of Galilee or a tentmaker of Tarsus, because they felt the same thing and spoke the same words with conviction, without fear, travelled throughout the known world and carried the Gospel of Jesus Christ into many nations and languages. But confusion is the besetting sin of any Church and confusion so easily arises. In The Presbyterian Church in Canada to-day we have a unique opportunity to demonstrate our unity of purpose with a certain conviction behind it. Never before have we been so much of one mind as today. Our Christian outreach is a comprehensive assured programme. It neither separates the young from the old nor the men from the women. It is a plan which is far reaching in scope and which will never be attained because we must ever reach out to the uttermost and that will be beyond our day and generation; and the immediate necessity is the practical problem of raising $1,000,000.00.

One of the most remarkable and indeed one of the finest pictures in the progress of the build-up of this Christian outreach has been the unselfish offer of the Women's Missionary Society to provide us with the fullest co-operation in service that the campaign objectives may be reached. Never, I believe, have the Missionary Societies of the Church been so close together with one thought and idea.

We are here at the Council meeting and part of our deliberations must be of this in which we seek the advancement of Christ's kingdom at home and beyond the seas. If we keep that unity of purpose and spirit among us as between the Women's Missionary Society and the General Assembly, as between the Boards of our Church and the Assembly I see a glorious future for our Church which shall not be denied. Because it shall seem at last that the trumpet is giving a certain sound, a sound so clear that it will be a rallying call not only to ourselves but to all who arrange themselves with us and accept our faith. We need the service and prayers of all. It is my hope and prayer that from this moment of your assembling together you never lack the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon you and that you never lose the rallying call of your faith but that it will always sound clear and certain, demanding, if you like, but at the same time offering you the widest outlook that you can have.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Ah, when shall all men's good
Be each man's rule, and universal peace
Lie like a shaft of light across the land,
And like a lane of beams athwart the sea;
Thro' all the circle of the golden year?

—Tennyson

Glimpses Overseas

These addresses given at Council by people newly returned from three fields are quoted.

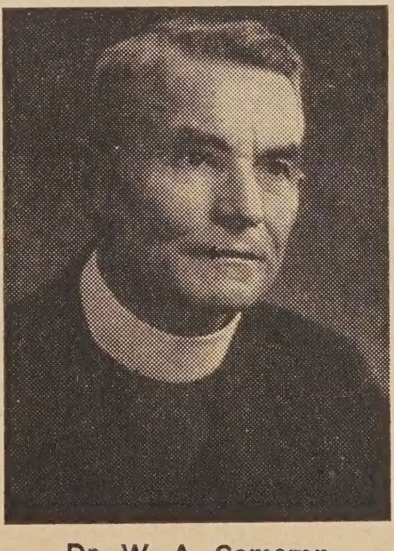
At Work in British Guiana

BY REVEREND W. A. CAMERON, D.D.

ON the north shore of South America are the three Guianas—British, French, and Dutch, the latter being now named Surinam. British Guiana has the status of a colony. It is one of our near neighbours, and can be easily reached by sea or air in fifteen hours. In size it is about the same area as England, Scotland and Wales.

Its present population is 375,000. It is said to be the only country in the world where all racial color strains are found in considerable numbers. There they are—red, black, yellow, brown and white: red, the aborigines, the Amerindians, now in the interior; black, the Africans, brought first as slaves to work in the sugar plantations; yellow, Chinese, brought to replace the Africans when the latter had obtained their freedom; brown, the East Indians, brought from India to work on the Estates under the indenture system, and the whites, the landowners of yesterday, or the officials in the bauxite plant of today.

The Churches of the Old Land have had work in the colony for many years. These provided services for the whites and also for the Africans. Through their efforts the majority of the people are nominally Christian. In this respect British Guiana is different from any other foreign field in which our Church is at work. Still the largest single group in the Colony are the Hindus, who number 115,000 or 31%. The Church of England is next with 85,000 followed by the Roman Catholics, with 43,000 or 11%. This is one country in South America where the Roman Catholic forms but a comparatively small section of the population. The number counted as Presbyterians is 25,000 of whom the great majority are Africans, connected with the Church of Scotland. The East Indians began to reach the colony in 1838. They were brought by the owners of the sugar estates for their own private ends, so the


Dr. W. A. Cameron

Government assumed no responsibility for the education of their children. The churches too, absorbed with the work they had been doing made no effort to evangelize these newcomers.

However, there were those who were not happy with the situation as it was and the Church of Scotland in British Guiana appealed to the Canadian Presbyterian Church to come to their assistance by giving themselves to work among the East Indians.

In 1885 Rev. John Gibson, a graduate of Knox College, who had also taken post graduate work, accepted appointment as the first missionary of our Church to work in British Guiana. His ministry was of brief duration. After three years' service he fell a victim of yellow fever, which attacked him while caring for a fellow minister of the Church of Scotland.

Work was not resumed until 1896, when J. B. Cropper who was born in the West Indies, came to Canada and had studied at Pine Hill College, Halifax, was appointed and continued until his retirement in 1938. His was a lengthy period of service and I am not at all sure that our Church ever gave fitting recognition to the work of that faithful missionary. To-day his name is still held in high regard by the Christian people of British Guiana, because of his unselfish and faithful service.

Our Church then had a very definite task before it in British Guiana. It was to win the East Indians to a knowledge of God's love in Christ Jesus. From the first they recognized that the Gospel of Christ was for the whole man in all his relations, and this is as it should be. This aim may be met by working along five lines:

(1) Ministering to a man's need of healing through Medical missions.

This was not necessary in B.G. as the Estate owners had promised their workers medical care for themselves and their families.

(2) Teaching him a trade so that he can support himself and his family.

This we are doing for the aborigines in Formosa. This was not necessary in British Guiana, because the men were working on the sugar plantations.

(3) Teaching improved methods of agriculture as is done at the Allahabad Agricultural Institute in India.

This again was not necessary in British Guiana. They worked as instructed by their foremen on the plantations.

(4) Along Educational lines—in the field of literacy.

One of the most consecrated missionaries of our day is that able missionary, Dr. Frank Laubach, who is giving solely to the great task of teaching the illiterate to read.

In British Guiana, no one was doing this for the East Indian. Here was where to begin. And under Mr. Gibson schools were established for the East Indian boys and girls, by our first missionary and by those who followed him. The missionary must do it all. Sites had to be secured, schools erected, teachers engaged, and salaries and maintenance expenses met.

At first the buildings were rude shelters; the teachers were Africans, trained by other Churches, for from the beginning, Church Schools were approved agents of education; interest had to be created among parents and children. And this was not easy, especially as far as the girls were concerned.

As time passed, compulsory education was enacted and the territory was delimited so that no new school could be opened within three miles of any existing school. This meant that all children of whatever color or race must attend the school situated within a radius of a mile and a half from where they lived.

The Government began to give grants in aid to schools which attained a certain recognized standard of efficiency. This has continued and increased until today the Education Department pays the salaries of all the teachers in our 31 Primary Schools. They also pay for the maintenance and repairs to school buildings. Where a new school building is needed, the Government will erect the building. Last year three very fine large school buildings were so erected. They are also building houses for the Head Teacher.

In regard to the Berbice High School, the Government grant covers the full cost of operating the school with the exception of the salary of the Principal, who is a missionary.

Only one missionary is giving his full time to the work of education. In every other case National Guianese are carrying on the work. However, it is true that the Government requires that a missionary should be named as Manager of each of the Primary schools. But as well, it involves a good deal of secretarial work in the way of correspondence and interviews with teachers. For several years our Board has recommended to the Council the appointment of someone whose sole work would be supervision of the schools and would thus enable the missionaries to give all their time to the work of direct evangelism. We are now in search of such a person, and would appreciate the help of our readers in securing such.

The Schools mean much not only because through them we are helping to make the Guianese a literate people, but also because of the opportunity they present for giving religious instruction. By the School Act, the first twenty minutes of each school day is devoted to religious instruction. The quality of this instruction will depend on the personality and knowledge of the teacher, and on the supervision which the missionary is able to give. I have a copy of the syllabus prepared by our Head Teacher for use in his school. A careful examination of this will indicate how thorough the course is. There is the conscience clause in the Act. Any pupil whose parents do not wish him to receive this instruction is excused, but teachers told me that scarcely ever does any one absent himself on these grounds. What an opportunity this presents of imparting Christian instruction to children from Hindu and Moslem homes who are always in the majority in the school.

(5) Direct Evangelism

(a) *Through Church Services*

At present we have in B.C. five male missionaries and two ladies from the Eastern Division. The male missionaries have the oversight of the work within a certain area and are called field missionaries. The lady missionaries have their special duties and responsibilities as assigned to them by Council. Then there are National workers, four ordained East Indian ministers and fifteen catechists. These care for the work in 23 charges in which are 72 preaching places. There are also four deaconesses working under the lady missionaries.

There are some very fine church buildings. Those that are outstanding are in Georgetown and Bartica. During my recent visit a church was dedicated for a congregation who had worshipped for seven years under a large tree. Another building in which service was held was the most delapidated building I ever saw. There were gaping holes in the floor. The wall boards in places had been eaten away by ants. The building had never been painted, but the interior was spotlessly clean. The people were very poor. They were all rice farmers, paying rent for three or four acres, and having great difficulty to maintain their families. They had been able to save only $100. for a new building, but promised to haul the material and do as much of the work as they could themselves. With assistance from the General Board of Missions, a new building is now being erected. The smallest building I saw is the church at Ashagar—meaning Better Hope. The people said they were hoping for a better building some day. Where there is no church building the school is used or sometimes services are held out-of-doors. Such a service is regularly held by Miss Ellen Anderson. At certain times special evangelistic services are held, sometimes for a week.

The outstanding event of the Church year is the holding of the

Harvest services. This is to express gratitude for the in-gathering of the rice crop which is the mainstay of the people. A special religious programme is prepared by the children. The building is nicely decorated and Christian and non-Christian bring their gifts of kind or of money as a thank-offering.

(b) *Sunday Schools*

The day schools do not provide the opportunity to present Christ's claims on the individual, though they prepare the ground for this. The direct challenge must come in the Sunday School, where attendance is voluntary. In the day school where pupils of all faiths must attend one must be fair to the Government and to the parents, and not do more than we are permitted to do. But in the Sunday Schools the work is very often carried on by the Christian day school teachers with the assistance sometimes of others.

(c) *Young People's Societies*

This is a new development but it is very promising. Mrs. B. F. Andrews in Essequibo has three societies in as many centres. The meetings are conducted by the young people. They open with devotions. Bible Study is carried on, or some kindred subject discussed, and a social time with games concludes the gathering.

(d) *Women's Meetings*

I need say little of these, for you know from experience how valuable these are in a congregation.

What of the future? and what are its needs.

We still need missionaries,

(a) With Christ-like lives—As at home, this stands first in leadership qualifications,
(b) with a broad evangelical spirit,
(c) with much patience,
(d) with unbounded faith in God and in what God can do, e.g., Dewvan Persaud,
(e) with love for the people.

Not long ago I came across a short message from Dr. E. G. Homrighausen of Princeton. It is called "Evangelism and the Jewish People". He says: "No Evangelism which seeks violently to accuse them of their sins will get far. Israel needs the understanding of a friend": Let us read it again, substituting for Jewish — East Indian, and for Israel — British Guiana.

The General Board of Missions has announced that Reverend Joseph and Mrs. Muchan have arrived in British Guiana. Mr. and Mrs. Muchan were formerly at Jhansi in India. They will be engaged in evangelistic work in British Guiana.

Our Advance In Education

BY ELLEN DOUGLAS

MISS Ellen Douglas of India spoke on "Our Advance in Education Among the People". She claimed that India's assumption of independence has been the most significant factor in advancing education there.

"Formerly there were not enough students to fill India's many schools and colleges," she said. "Now students riot to attend them."

In villages where it was once difficult to get children to go to school, streams of shuffling youngsters are seen in the streets with slates tucked under their arms. The new government, ashamed of its 87 per cent record for illiteracy, has employed vast numbers of teachers.

Miss Ellen Douglas

The standard of education as a whole has been greatly improved. In the section of India where Miss Douglas is stationed students can get elementary high school without leaving home.

Missionaries, who have always led the way in education in India, are busy teaching improved methods in farming and gardening.

For instance when Miss Mary Sherrick returned from her furlough her first desire was to see different institutions—most of all Wardha—now training centre for new systems of basic education. Here they are experimenting with spinning. Through this one activity, reading, writing and arithmetic are to be taught. Miss Sherrick came home and began to sort out all that she had seen and apply what was profitable. She concentrated her efforts on better farming and agriculture and gardening work. Last year her farms and gardens were something to behold. All this is done in addition to her other work. She has planned all this agricultural work for the benefit of her children. Most people would employ a specialist but we cannot afford to pay the salary of a specialist. Miss Sherrick does the work herself. At first they made their own tools. The children made little trowels and things to work with. Now a few implements and another yoke of oxen were bought. You have generously granted the money for these and we thank you. I am sure you would be pleased if you could see what has been done with the money for agricultural work. The children are learning and also the farmers. They have been suffering again from lack of rainfall. This means another year of almost famine conditions. What will they do? They cannot depend on the mission forever. But in that farm and garden Miss Sherrick has an opportunity to show what can be done through irrigation and other means. We consider this improvement will be a great benefit to the school and children all the year round. Dr. Laubach made a statement which sums the work Miss Sherrick is doing: "The bottom four-fifths of the world are going Communist because they are hungry, terribly unhappy, and grimly determined to rise out of their destitution. We can stop communism cold by lifting those wretched people above misery and desperation. We can do it by sharing our know-how. They love us when we help them; they hate us when we don't."

Standards have been raised—we are teaching grades VII and VIII. They get two years of high school right in Amkhut. That is a great step in advance.

Another great step has been the training of teachers. Miss Irene Stringer came with her experience here and in Jhansi. She teaches the regular course and also a shorter course for village teachers. The people in India hate to go back to their own villages and do a job there but we train them to go back and do the job there. Our boys are willing to soil their hands as well as do their teaching job. Of 168 graduate students in a large city only two would go outside the city for work, and these two lived in the village where they expressed willingness to go. That was the reason they were willing to go. They have not the idea of service. Miss Stringer is trying to put into her boys the idea of service.

Then there is a great advance in district medical work. The work of evangelism and education and medicine are going on hand in hand. They are not separate units. We are trying to present a united front to the people. They need a lot from us. Without an all out effort nothing will be accomplished. But we are going on and together we believe that the walls will fall down and boys and girls will hear and believe the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Singing Church

BY ISABEL TAYLOR, A.T.C.M.

I AM to speak to you today on the "Singing Church".

There has always been music. In the Bible we first read of it in the fourth chapter of Genesis—"Jubal, the Father of all those that play the harp and the organ". In Exodus the children of Israel sang praises for deliverance in antiphonal song. In David's temple there were choirs of four thousand—glorious music it must have been and it is also interesting to note there were leaders and schools of music. The disciples and Jesus sang together for in one place we read "when they had sung an hymn they went out". Paul tells the Christians to admonish each other in hymns, psalms and spiritual songs. So through the history of the Church, Christian people have sung praises to our God together.

John Palmer

Miss Isabel Taylor

In our small Island the singing in the church has become a part of our life. People from the mainland, missionaries and Chinese alike are amazed at the singing of the church in general. Even in the smallest centres, they can sing hymns and there is usually a small organ not in good repair, that someone can play somehow.

How did this come about? First of all tribute must be paid to Mrs. Wm. Gauld, most beloved of all missionaries by the Formosans, who taught music to the Formosan church for forty years. I can appreciate more than anyone the foundation that she laid. It was not without humility that just before leaving, at our church music festival, I heard my name coupled with hers for the first time. It was the greatest compliment Formosan friends could have paid me. She laid the foundation, taught them how to read music, how to play and most of all an appreciation of the music of the Church. Through the years, the theological college students had to know how to sing and play and when they went out into the churches they were the teachers. This is the true reason why we have become a singing church. It is not always good or tuneful singing but everyone sings and I learned very early that it was considered a disgrace in a worship service to have a hymn-book in your hand and not sing.

Everyone sings and loves to sing from the smallest child to the oldest man or woman. I was a patient in the Mackay Hospital for four weeks, two years ago. Every morning at seven o'clock work began with the singing of a hymn. The organ was old and battered, but still had a few useable notes. Downstairs in the Clinic, there was singing and preaching while patients waited to see the doctor. The nurses had a small choral group and some belonged to the choir in the neighbouring church. One day I went to visit the small daughter of one of our school teachers in the children's ward. It was meal time and those able to walk around were seated at a small table. Before the meal, they clasped hands, bowed their heads and sang their thanks for food. The nurse in charge had taught them. It was difficult to recognize the tune, but it was solemn and dignified. The music is an important part of the evangelistic street meetings which usually have portable organs and usually a choir to help. I have been with one of our choirs at these street meetings which always begin with a hymn and they sing for hundreds of listening faces.

Our schools have always been centres of music teaching. When we returned after the war I discovered that in music, the young people had progressed, in their enjoyment and one might say need to learn more and to know how to create it. Choirs begun before the war had continued, but suddenly after returning choirs sprang up in all churches large and small, and all were calling for help. Choirs and Young People's Societies are one and the same group and they also teach Sunday School. Work in church is done by young people and work in music is with them.

Our Girls' School decided that they should have a Music Department and a pastor very gifted in music was called in to help as well as to be the school pastor in charge of all religious activities. I might say at this point that whatever was accomplished in the last four years was possible because of the missionary and Formosan Christian working together. We were a perfect example of co-operation I think. Neither one could have accomplished anything alone, but together we accomplished a considerable amount. Sometimes there were differences in opinion, but they were always ironed out amicably and we pooled our ideas. In school work we shared the teaching of the Department, he teaching piano and harmony and I other music subjects and the rest of the piano. As the Department grew we had to have other teachers so used our own students. In choir work he accompanied and I conducted. When we had any special concerts or projects we shared responsibilities according to our individual abilities. The special music department had as its primary purpose the training of leaders in church music. There is a choir in the school church consisting mostly of students from both boys' and girls' schools. The story of this choir and its young people — sixty-two of them—is a story by itself. Sometimes we found ourselves solving personal problems more than teaching music.

We had our first graduates of the Music Department last year and six of the seven girls came back for another year. During this year they taught in the school, helped in choir work, two of them going out on week-ends to help in their own churches. Five also went with me on Saturday mornings to help teach the Theological students in Taipeh. This was a new venture to see whether the boys would take teaching from the girls or not. One of these girls teaches all the singing in the school this coming year. The other we hope is coming to Canada.

Our choir gradually became the teaching centre for all the choirs as it was impossible for us to go around all. I would like to point out a few of our musical high lights:—

First of all was a Choir Leaders' Conference which we held a year ago this last summer. We limited the number to one, preferably the choir leader, from each church so that we could do as good a teaching job as possible. There were twelve in all. They brought their own rice and bedding and spent a week of concentrated study in conducting and general music. We were exhausted at the end of the week for they were a very eager group. They asked for another Conference during August and if not then at least later in the year. During this course we used our Tamsui choir as a guinea pig so that the teaching would be more effective.

Because of this Conference our church music festival this year showed such definite progress that we realized they would have to continue. There were over five hundred people in Tamsui one Sunday this spring for our third festival. Thirteen choirs took part and we were impressed by the musical singing and a sincere attempt to acquire it. The musical events for our own Tamsui Choir was the rendering of three cantatas in the last three years—Bethlehem, by Maunder, Olivet to Calvary by the same composer and the Holy City by Gaul. I think the young people enjoyed Olivet to Calvary the most. It relates in song the events of Passion Week and the music expressed the meaning of the words very effectively and this the young people conveyed to their audiences far beyond our expectations. Some in our audiences wept for they were so moved by the music, which they had never heard before. Although it was sung in English we had the programmes printed in English and Chinese character so the meaning would be most clear. It was the young people's first experience of quiet audiences and always afterwards they were unhappy if they had any other kind.

We also had a share in the first meeting of the first General Assembly of the Formosan Church, North and South. We were responsible for all the music which was a privilege for us in this outstanding event in our Church life.

In February a group of theology students, with the six girls and I, had a trip through the Churches of South Formosa. I might say the young people took me on this trip and not the reverse as some people seemed to think. Everywhere as we contributed our music and services we had the same quiet audiences which never happened before. The young people in singing in their own language were able to express their faith so those who listened could understand.

There is much before us as we need an anthem book and a new Hymn Book which is going to be a great deal of work. We always need new music for our young people. They come to our choirs for the music and remain for the Church. Christian and non-Christian alike they need our prayers and help. The future is dim and most feel that it has nothing for them so we must help them to have an abiding faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Council Meeting 1951

THE Women's Missionary Society entertained at dinner, the first night of the Annual Council Meeting in Regina. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) presided. Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, M.C., M.A., Moderator of the General Assembly, and minister of First Church, Regina, where the meeting was held, welcomed delegates and guests. Mr. Kennedy introduced the guests at the head table. They were: Lt.-Gov. W. J. and Mrs. Patterson, Premier T. C. and Mrs. Douglas, Mayor Garnet and Mrs. Menzies, Miss Ruby McCannell, Dr. W. A. Cameron, Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Cunningham, Miss Ellen Douglas, Miss Isabel Taylor and Mrs. Norman D. Kennedy.

The three representatives of the state were very gracious in their welcome. They were glad, they said that their province and their city were playing host to a Church group. It was their expressed hope that the influence of the Meeting would be a strength to missionary work. They paid special tribute to their fellow Regina citizen, Mr. Kennedy, whom they stated, rightly deserved the high office to which his Church had called him.

Delegates

The Synodical Societies were represented by the following: *British Columbia*—Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Mrs. George Bell, Vancouver; Mrs. J. Bowen-Colthurst, Penticton; Mrs. G. A. Sinclair, Nelson; Mrs. A. K. Young, Nanaimo; *Alberta*—Mrs. George Metcalfe, Calgary; Mrs. C. Oscroft, Edmonton; Mrs. C. Abbott, Macleod; Mrs. P. Weber, Carstairs; Mrs. L. Tissington, Grande Prairie; *Saskatchewan*—Miss J. E. Walls, Mrs. T. J. White, Saskatoon; Mrs. John Shaw, Regina; Mrs. John Glen, Briercrest; Mrs. A. Chesley, Jr., Shipman; *Manitoba*—Mrs. C. LeCocq, Fort William; Mrs. J. P. Duffin, Mrs. A. H. MacKay, Winnipeg; Mrs. J. McLeod, Brandon; Mrs. George Stirrett, Port Arthur; *Hamilton and London*—Mrs. W. E. Stauth, Riverside; Mrs. Victor Jackson, Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Mrs. S. Grosvenor, London; Mrs. W. G. Kelman, St. George; Mrs. Alan MacAuley, Ripley; Mrs. G. D. Johnston, Brantford; *Toronto and Kingston*—Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, Stouffville; Mrs. A. T. Barr, Penetanguishene; Mrs. C. Veale, Woodville; Mrs. H. E. Wiley, Toronto; Miss Lila M. Sinclair, Guelph; Mrs. W. W. Finney, Lindsay; Mrs. Forbes Tilley, Sudbury; *Montreal and Ottawa*—Mrs. W. E. Baker, Westmount; Mrs. Eric Larsen, South Mountain; Mrs. Mason McLennan, Lancaster; Mrs. N. G. Anderson, Perth; Mrs. R. McCleery, Westmount; Mrs. Scott Murray, Ottawa; Mrs. W. A. Johnstone, Quebec City. *Ex-officio Members of Council*—Convener, General Board of Missions, Reverend G. Deane Johnston, M.B.E., M.A., Brantford; Foreign Missions Secretary, General Board of Missions, Dr. W. A. Cameron, Toronto; Convener, Board of Evangelism and Social Action, Reverend E. C. McCullagh, B.A., Dunnville.

Our three Regional Secretaries: Misses Margaret MacNaughton, Ruby Walker, Grace Mackay.

Business from Council Meeting, Regina, Sask., September 25th - 28th, 1951

Finance—Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, that the same auditors—Messrs. Henry Barber, Mapp and Mapp, be appointed auditors for the Society for 1952.

Agreed, on motion of Miss L. K. Pelton, seconded by Mrs. W. G. Kelman, that Council accept an estimate of $210,000.00 for the work for 1952.

Agreed that the following allocations for 1952 be accepted:

General Fund—

British Columbia	$ 8,885.00
Alberta	7,270.00
Saskatchewan	4,745.00
Manitoba	6,765.00
Hamilton and London	68,135.00
Toronto and Kingston	75,120.00
Montreal and Ottawa	39,080.00
	$210,000.00

Agreed on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mrs. Metcalfe, that $2,100.00 be estimated for expenditures from the Peace Thanksgiving Fund in 1952.

Supply—Agreed on motion of Mr. G. Deane Johnston seconded by Mrs. Metcalfe, that the following allocations for 1952 be accepted:

British Columbia	$ 500.00
Alberta	500.00
Saskatchewan	300.00
Manitoba	375.00
Hamilton and London	3,850.00
Toronto and Kingston	4,500.00
Montreal and Ottawa	2,000.00
	$12,025.00

Life Membership—Agreed on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Mrs. Reid, that the age limit for a Junior Membership in our Society be eighteen years instead of twenty-one years.

Pension Plan—Agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, seconded by Miss Pelton, that the acceptance of the Women's Missionary Society pension plan no longer be made compulsory for overseas missionaries, but that it be made optional to be in line with the national workers.

Annual Meeting—

1. Agreed on motion of Mrs. Stauth, seconded by Miss Walls, that Council be held every year with the present delegation.

2. Agreed on motion of Mrs. Waldie, seconded by Mrs. Johnston, that the date of the Annual Meeting be changed from September to May.

3. Agreed on motion of Miss Walls, seconded by Mrs. Murdoch, that the Council Executive decide whether the annual meeting in 1952 be a full Council Executive or an enlarged Council Executive meeting.

New Work—Agreed on motion of Miss Pelton, seconded by Mrs. Cruickshank, that we direct Council Executive to explore the possibilities of making some contribution by way of personnel and or equipment to the work of one or two of our sister Churches (Presbyterian) in Africa or Latin America and to bring back to the meeting in May 1952 some concrete proposals for our consideration.

Council Executive—Agreed on motion of Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, seconded by Mrs. T. J. White, that the position of Recording Secretary and of Corresponding Secretary insofar as conducting the correspondence of Council and Council Executive and the preparation of the report of the work of the whole Society be concerned, be vested in one person.

Agreed on motion of Miss McClelland, seconded by Mrs. White, that there be a Senior Auxiliary Secretary on Council Executive who shall have supervision of the Senior Auxiliaries and conduct all correspondence with the Synodical Corresponding Secretaries in the interests of the Senior Auxiliaries.

Resolutions—

1. *From Saskatchewan Synodical*: Be it resolved that we request Council Executive to send report forms in triplicate for each Synodical officer.

Agreed on motion of Mrs. Inkster, seconded by Mrs. Duffin, that for next year report forms in triplicate be sent to the two Synodicals who asked for them, namely Alberta and Saskatchewan.

2. *From Montreal and Ottawa Synodical*: In view of the increased cost of the new cover of *The Glad Tidings* and the many calls for legitimate and more pressing work of the Women's Missionary Society, we would recommend that the use of the former cover with the table of contents be resumed. Mrs. Baker explained that at the time this resolution was passed they did not understand that the *Tidings* contained four additional pages. The resolution was gladly withdrawn.

3. *From Alberta Synodical*: That in view of the distances to be covered by Presbyterial Presidents the grant does not begin to pay expenses. We, therefore, ask that the matter of the Extension Grant in this province be considered as there is pressing need of deputation work.

After discussion on the use of the grant, it was agreed, on motion of Miss Pelton, seconded by Mrs. Metcalfe, that as two representatives of Council Executive are going to have a conference with the Synodical of Alberta, this resolution be referred to Council Executive for action after consultation with Alberta Synodical by the two Council Executive representatives.

Agreed on motion of Mrs. Waldie, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that the question of Synodical Grants and items in the Presbyterial Expense Fund be considered by Council Executive and that an explanation be put into *The Glad Tidings* as soon as possible.

Whereas Alberta Synodical now consists of five Presbyterials, and in order to secure equal representation from each Presbyterial, resolved that the representation to Council be raised to six, allowing for one from each Presbyterial plus the Synodical President.

The delegates from Alberta expressed themselves as being satisfied with the present representation.

Resolved that when Council Executive wishes specific secretaries sent to Council from the Synodicals they be over and above the regular representation.

Agreed that this be referred to Council Executive.

Resolved that the Synodical ask for a Regional Secretary. There was also a request from Edmonton Presbyterial through Alberta Synodical for a full-time deaconess for Edmonton.

Miss Horne explained that both these matters would be taken care of in the regular way.

Resolved that we deplore the almost total lack of contact between this Presbyterial (Edmonton) and Council Executive and urge that steps be taken to remedy this situation in order that closer co-operation may be brought about, which would be advantageous to our work.

Agreed that this also be discussed with the Synodical Executive in Alberta.

Resolved that we express great regret that no missionaries have visited this Presbyterial (Edmonton) during this past year and earnestly request that this may be remedied in the near future in order that the missionary work may be brought before the congregations in an effective way as only those fresh from the field can do.

Agreed that this be discussed with the Synodical Executive in Alberta.

Organization: In the course of the report of the Findings Committee, Mrs. Inkster said that the Synodicals would like information in good time regarding the movements of Council Executive delegations, missionaries and field staff. They would like to be consulted re the itineraries of Regional Secretaries as local conditions of climate and industry have to be taken into consideration; also concerning any new work being planned in their constituencies.

Agreed on motion of Mrs. Inkster, seconded by Mrs. McCleery, that this be passed on for the sympathetic consideration of Council Executive to see how these requests could be met.

Expansion: Re proposal to bring a greater number of the women into the larger service of the Church, Mrs. Inkster presented the report of the Committee appointed by Council Executive.

Agreed on motion of Miss Pelton, seconded by Mrs. Hazell, that at the session at which we are going to consider the objective of this Council as regards members and groups, that to this consideration the report of Mrs. Inkster's Committee be related, and that something go out by way of a definite directive.

Membership Objective: Agreed on motion of Mrs. LeCocq, seconded by Mrs. McCleery that we accept the challenge that has been thrown out to us—and that we go back to Synodicals, Presbyterials and Auxiliaries, to try as far as possible to reach the Objective of 10,000 new members, 100 New Groups.

Financial Statement

IT was agreed, on motion of Mrs. Pye, that the same auditors—Messrs. Henry Barber, Mapp and Mapp, be appointed auditors for the Society for 1952.

The following balances as of September 19th were given by the Treasurer:

> Receivable from Synodicals; $79,594.95 as against $74,776.51 in 1950. Expenditures to the end of August this year totalled $119,678.69 as against $112,484.61.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—balance in capital	$40,588.61
Income account	1,917.30
Special Fund	25,814.93
Overseas Fund	4,267.68
Legacy Fund	111,355.49
(this includes $24,199.66 just received on completion of the sale of St. Margaret's Centre.)	
Pension Fund	81,006.88

In speaking of the 1950 balance, the Treasurer said that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, Council Executive agreed that for the last four months of this year, all workers on the national staff (except those in Indian Residential Schools) and overseas missionaries home on furlough would receive $10.00 cost of living bonus.

Mrs. Pye said that there are now thirty-nine members on the Pension Plan, three having been added this year—Misses Margaret MacNaughton, Ida White and Pauline Brown.

This year three members will have served the Society twenty years — Miss Isabel Taylor, Miss F. E. Matthews and Miss Hildur Hermanson, and so on April 1st, 1952, a payment of $1,000 will go into their Pension Plan Accounts.

—*Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer.*

Consideration of National Work

THAT the Church is aware of the changes and progress being made in Canadian National life was made very clear at National missions night of the annual meeting of the Council of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. Miss Frieda E. Matthews, Executive Secretary for National Missions, and Rev. G. D. Johnston emphasized the duty that lay before the Christian Church to-day.

Miss Matthews stressed three areas of Canadian life in which the Church has a great part to play. In 1951 more people immigrated to this country than in any one previous year. Non Anglo-Saxons have made their homes in almost every Canadian community. Many are Protestant, members of the Reformed Church. The Presbyterian Church must do its share in making them welcome. At the ports of entry are port receptionists. Here they are given letters of welcome in their native tongue. It was Mr. Johnston's hope that Presbyterians might increase this part of their Christian outreach by giving more promotional literature about our Church.

As the newcomers proceed to their destination ministers and W.M.S. members are apprised of their arrival and it becomes their opportunity to stretch forth the hand of Christian fellowship. To Timmins this year three hundred miners and their wives were brought by a mining company. They were welcomed by the port receptionist and in Timmins the minister and a W.M.S. deaconess helped these people in a time of stress for in addition to having to re-establish their lives in a new land they had to face economic emergency caused by the strike.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has a remarkable work among the Chinese in Canada. In 1947 an Act of Parliament made it possible for Chinese men to bring their wives and children up to the age of twenty-one to this land. In Victoria, Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal there are Presbyterian Chinese Churches. In these centres in addition to the regular work of the Church a large programme of educational and social work is being carried on by staff members of the church and the W.M.S. and by a large number of volunteer workers. In addition to this work the Chinese people are entering Canadian life in many other communities. Miss Matthews called upon the women of the Presbyterian Church to find these people and to help them in every possible way to become a part of our nation. She mentioned two centres where this has already been done. In Sudbury and in Windsor W.M.S. women have overcome the barrier of language and cultural differences and have done much to make many Chinese women happy.

At Birtle Indian Residential School to-day there are sixty high school pupils some of whom in future years will be ready to take their place in the trade and professional life of our land. Here again is a challenge facing Christian citizens. Will these Indian young people be welcomed as equals when they attempt to make their own way in life?

It is quite true that there are frontiers in Canada to-day—they are no longer at the end of steel—they are right in our own community where the Christian citizens of that community must reach out to meet new circumstances. The frontiers are really frontiers of attitudes. In each community there is an unprecedented opportunity for Christian women to make practical demonstration of their faith and of their interest in missions.

Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.B.E., M.A., Chairman of the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada stressed further the need for more active participation of the Church in the life of modern Canada. The Church must follow the people to new housing areas, must reach into the slums and take salvation to those whose lives are left in the depths of despair.

The struggle between Christian and non-Christian forces is a struggle going on at our very doorstep. In every one of these areas of our Canadian life there are forces contending with the Christian Church for the minds and souls of men and women. Thus it is that Miss Matthews challenged every woman to take the opportunity afforded to be a missionary in her own home community.

The deaconesses who drove the Vans last summer with Rev. G. D. Johnston; Misses Marjorie MacKay; Winnifred Ripley; Margaret Boyd.

Life in a missionary van was described by three deaconesses who have served with mobile units in more remote parts of our country. The vans operated by the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society are so equipped that the operators may make them a dwelling place as they travel from place to place. They are mobile libraries for books, periodicals.

Slides and films are part of their cargo.

Miss Marjorie MacKay of Toronto, was in charge of the van in the Peace River district; Miss Margaret Boyd, Victoria, B.C., of the Northern Saskatchewan van, and Miss Winnifred Ripley of Armstrong, B.C., of the van in the Red Deer district. "We met the same type of people in our travels as we would meet anywhere", Miss MacKay said. "There are those who are satisfied with life and those who are not; there are those who are interested only in getting and those who have a desire to give." All of the girls took the message of the Church through Church services, Vacation Bible schools, camps and perhaps most of all through visitation, often to people in isolated areas. The Church became a reality to many who knew it only as a name or as a voice from a radio set.

Consideration of Overseas Work

MISS Laura K. Pelton led the consideration of the work in mission fields. She spoke of the advance made in the two years since the Calgary Meeting when the special three year advance programme was inaugurated.

The Overseas Department planned to send seven new missionaries within three years. To date there are six missionaries who have gone, are going and will be going in the near future. Miss Agnes Hislop, Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N. and Miss Ida White will be serving in India. Miss Hislop has arrived. Miss Brown sailed the 19th of October and Miss White is appointed to go in 1952. Miss Margaret MacKenzie is appointed to go to Japan in 1952. Miss Helga Waabeno, Reg.N. and Miss G. Fitje, Reg.N., have been working in our hospital in Formosa since 1950. They are on loan to our work from the Norwegian Presbyterian Church.

Advance plans called for the training of Nationals. Miss Katherine Sun and Mr. Wenchi Kim have already been in Canada several years. Mr. Kim returns to Japan this fall to resume charge of his Korean Presbyterian Church in Osaka. Miss Pelton spoke of the contribution both these young people have made and are making in our own Church in Canada. Mr. Kim as he has moved throughout the country has made Canadians realize as some have never realized before the depth of consecration these people have in the cause of the risen Christ.

Katherine Sun, studying at the Deaconess Training School, is working among Chinese on the University of Toronto campus. Christian and non-Christian meet for prayer and study. By these means they hope to break down the barriers that exist between them.

Then other National missionaries are to be trained for further service. All are from Formosa and since Council, Lim Siok-kheng (Margaret) has arrived in Canada. She will study at the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, and at the Deaconess Training School.

In Calgary Miss Pelton stated her desire to see a mobile medical unit in the Bhil Field. To-day that unit (Momeduc) is operating. A second is ordered and expected this autumn. Miss Pelton asked Miss Douglas to comment on this achievement. She responded by saying how many more people could be reached by this means on the Bhil Field. "If you could just see the harvest that is there," she said, "out there in the bare dry grass where nothing seems to flourish, not the trees, not the fields, or the people. They know nothing of cleanliness, nothing of good health habits. They have no one to guide them but witch doctors. Momeduc will reach some of this vast group of people. They will not go of their own accord to a hospital where they do not know language and customs. The mobile unit can go over the hills and into the homes to take healing of body, mind and spirit."

Other equipment needed and gradually being sent is for use in practical arts in which our missionaries are specializing on the Bhil Field. Miss Sherrick with agricultural training, Miss Stringer with teacher training and Miss Kennedy training women in cottage industries, are truly helping the Bhils to know a better standard of living and they are equipping them to improve their lives in a practical way as well as in a spiritual one.

"Do not let anyone tell you that the Presbyterian Church does not know the need in overseas work. We do know it and are attempting to meet the challenge the need presents," Miss Pelton concluded.

Driver of Momeduc one, giving the Word to Kotara friends.

1952 OBJECTIVE

A goal set at the Council Meeting in Regina, September 1951

10,000 New Members — 100 New Groups

Synodical Allocations

	MEMBERS		GROUPS	
Synodical	Reported in 1950 Report	Approx. 25% increase	Reported in 1950 Report	Approx. 6% increase
British Columbia	2,141	550	140	8
Alberta	1,835	450	104	6
Saskatchewan	1,117	300	87	5
Manitoba	1,859	500	90	5
Hamilton-London	12,882	3,250	487	29
Toronto-Kingston	13,354	3,400	572	34
Montreal-Ottawa	6,164	1,550	250	15
	39,352	10,000	1,730	102

How To Achieve

WE SUGGEST FOR:

Groups

1. That a representative from each group meet together and survey their congregation for prospective groups.
2. That where new groups might be organized, this committee enlist the assistance of the Presbyterial Department Secretary.
3. That each Presbyterial Department contact all congregations within her constituency and learn from the Committee what the prospects are for new groups.

Members

1. That each group appoint a Membership Committee.
2. That this Committee consult with the Minister and from him learn of new members in the congregation.
3. That a thorough visitation be made of all the women of the congregation.

Do Not Stop When Objective is Reached

Supply Department

MRS. D. F. HAZELL, SECRETARY

I AM most happy to present the report of the Supply Department for the past year. Briefly let me remind you of the scope of this work. As in former years the bulk of our supplies and money is needed for the Indian people whom our church is serving on the several reserves in Northwestern Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, as well as the almost 300 children in the two residential schools at Kenora, Ontario, and Birtle, Manitoba. During this past year eighteen children from Birtle and four from Cecilia Jeffrey attended High School. More detailed information regarding the cost of clothing these children was included in an article in the March copy of *The Glad Tidings*. The cost of clothing is still mounting and this had to be taken into consideration when preparing the allocations for the coming year.

This department also provided Christmas gifts for these school children as well as younger brothers and sisters on the reserves. Letters from the matrons of the two schools told of the pleasure these gifts brought.

For some years the Presbyterian patients in sanitaria were remembered with gifts at Christmas but in the last year or two the older folks in several homes for the aged were remembered as well. It is a real joy to read the reports from the Synodical Supply Secretaries and to hear of the many ways in which this branch of our work brought comfort and cheer. Our hospital visitors, too, in Toronto and Montreal played a large part in distributing these gifts. Our Port Worker, Miss Blackwell, received her portion of supplies and these cheered many a new arrival in our country. The girls at St. Margaret's Centre were given Christmas gifts also.

As has been the custom a grant for supplies for Daily Vacation Bible Schools conducted by our deaconesses was given, as well as grants for supplies at Tyndale House, Montreal, the Chinese kindergartens in Toronto, Vancouver and Victoria. Supplies were provided for summer camps, for St. Margaret's Girls' Centre and for several missionaries going to the field.

Splendid bales of good used clothing, quilts and layettes were sent to the Mistawasis, Rolling River, Waywayseecappo, Okanais and Birdtail Reserves as well as to the two schools. New work has been opened up at the Sioux Village near Portage la Prairie and an S.O.S. had to be sent out last week for supplies as the work had not been undertaken at the time the allocations were sent out.

In the fall of 1950 this Department added another branch to its work—that of giving assistance to some of the displaced persons in our country. A great many of them came from Hungary, the Ukraine and Holland and are of our reformed faith. They often arrive in the country with only the clothes they have on. The minister of several Hungarian and Ukrainian congregations were contacted and the needs of the people ascertained. As a result parcels of good used clothing and bedding were sent. At Christmas time parcels were sent to congregations at Delhi, Hamilton, Mount Pleasant and one in British Columbia. Most appreciative letters were received.

A request that came recently was most interesting. A Presbyterian mother living in a Roman Catholic settlement in the Peace River district appealed for a parcel of used clothing. She also asked for Sunday School material as she is anxious to teach her two small sons. This woman we felt was most worthy to receive assistance.

And many more heart-warming stories could be recounted of the help and joy which a layette, a quilt or a parcel of good used clothing has brought.

From time to time our Youth and Girls' Work Secretaries and Regional Secretaries have mentioned the fact that C.G.I.T. and Girls' groups, as well as Young Women's and Evening groups are anxious to do supply work. Thus I would strongly advise that Presbyterial Secretaries see to it that all these groups be given either a "material" or "money" allocation or both, according to their preference.

All allocations should be in the hands of the individual groups or auxiliaries before the end of 1951. These will be the goods and money required for the year 1952 and should be filled by September of 1952. The Treasurer requests that supply money be sent in regularly in the same way in which the money for the general fund is forwarded.

We have estimated that $12,000 will be required to carry out this work for 1952. When you go back to your several Auxiliaries, Presbyterials or Synodicals do remind them of the needs of this Department and urge them to strive diligently to fulfil their obligations so that this part of our missionary endeavour will not be found wanting.

This fall, while visiting at the Birtle Indian School, Mrs. Rusaw said that if Christmas parcels were being sent, that the Indian girls loved to receive costume jewellery, and gay kerchiefs. If you could see the girls there, you would wish to be present in person when they unwrapped such a gift. Their liking for things pretty and nice is just as great as yours and mine.

Life Membership Department

IN our Life Membership Department it is interesting to note the increase of 129 over last year in the number of Junior Certificates and Seals issued, while the Honorary, the Life Membership and In Memoriam certificates all show a decrease. However, the money value has increased by $226.85 to $22,001.85. You may wonder at the odd figures in the total. This is accounted for by the fact that in one of the Presbyterials an auxiliary collected $131.85 for two "In Memoriams" for which they required only the sum of $50.00. The money was given by friends and members for these two particular "In Memoriams" so it was felt the entire amount must be reported.

One Synodical Secretary advises that one "Mission Band had a perfect attendance of 17, and for this each child was given a certificate or seal. They sold Christmas cards and had a special Thank-offering Fund". "A senior auxiliary reports 5 Life Members who have had two years' perfect attendance".

Another Synodical reports, "It is very pleasing to note that several of the certificates were presented to members who have given years of faithful service".

This is the real purpose of Life Membership in our Society—"A practical way to pay special tribute to one whose service has meant much in our missionary work". The desire to honour such a person should come first, and then the securing of necessary funds should follow. I'm afraid we all too frequently reverse this procedure and think first of the money. We should always keep in mind the persons honoured should be those who have given service to our Society, persons who, because of their service to and practical interest in its work, have associated themselves with our organization. If we follow this procedure we will be living up to the original intent of a Life Membership in the Women's Missionary Society. Let us endeavour to keep the standard high so that those who are made Life Members will consider it an honour and a special tribute from friends and associates.

I feel I cannot stress this too much and for those who are young in our W.M.S. work, please always keep this before you.

I would like to draw attention to this point. Life Membership, In Memoriam and Junior Certificates and Seals should be ordered through the Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary (or Synodical Secretary if there is no Presbyterial Secretary), and please do not ask her to forward them without sending a receipt from the Presbyterial Treasurer indicating that the money has been paid.

The following is the correct procedure for an auxiliary to follow when considering Life Membership Certificates:

1. There should be the desire to pay tribute to one who has rendered service in our missionary work.
2. The raising or procuring of funds for the payment of the certificate. The money cannot be taken from the General contributions but must be raised specially. The money so raised is included in the allocation of the auxiliary giving the membership.
3. When the necessary funds are obtained, the Treasurer of the Auxiliary forwards the money to the Presbyterial Treasurer advising that it is for a certificate and securing a receipt for same.
4. The Life Membership Secretary of the Presbyterial is then requested by the Auxiliary to forward to them a certificate for "Mrs. John Blank", to be presented on such and such a date, (if same is known) by "The Mary Blank Auxiliary" of such and such a church. Enclosed with this request must be the above mentioned Presbyterial Treasurer's receipt.
5. The Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary then forwards as requested the certificate and keeps a complete record in her own books.

In the case of Honorary certificates, these are ordered and sent direct from our Toronto office and a receipt from the Presbyterial or Synodical Treasurer must accompany the application.

We shall remember then, in the days ahead as we think of our Life Membership Department that we are paying tribute to those who have rendered special services to our missionary work—that it is an honour and a privilege.

Prayer

The love of God, that dwarfs all human passion,
Brighten the chequered path that we must tread,
And give us faith to breast in fearless fashion
The hills that lie ahead.

The light of God, that shines beyond our vision,
Smooth every wrinkle on earth's furrowed face,
And turn our fleeting darkness to derision
In every secret place.

The peace of God, that passes understanding,
Calm every troubled sea beneath our feet,
And, in the distance, grant a quiet landing,
Where earth and heaven meet.

—Robert Vansittart.

Old Kildonan 1851 - 1951

. . . Men and women gathered together to acknowledge the past with respect and to look to God for comfort in days to come.

THE sun shone brightly on Old Kildonan one hundred years less two days from the time the first Presbyterian service was held on that site. From many parts of Canada and from many walks of life, Presbyterians gathered at that old sanctuary to hear the Moderator of the General Assembly lead in worship of God our Father. There were messages of congratulations from many who could not attend. Her Royal Highness, Princess Elizabeth sent greetings; the people of the mother church, Kildonan, Scotland, were represented by their message. Ministers and laymen who remembered the traditions established by the pioneers at Kildonan, Canada, made known their thankfulness for the witness that had been made there. It was a moment in history for The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Rev. G. D. Johnston, Miss Henrietta Black and the Moderator, Rev. N. D. Kennedy, D.D. in the pulpit at Old Kildonan. Miss Black is a granddaughter of Rev. John Black who founded Old Kildonan.

The Message of the Moderator, Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, M.C., M.A., D.D.

"Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." (Isaiah 51: 11).

These words are appropriate as we meet in the beauty of this day in Old Kildonan. In addition to those who are here, there are many who are here in spirit. The forefathers are with us. There is a stirring in the graves as they take delight in being remembered. We offer our praise to God as we use these words of Isaiah in our meditation.

We are met in Old Kildonan beside the Red River which has seen many sights. In times of turbulence and strife, in times of peace and love it has flowed by unceasingly. It has never seen such a sight as this when men and women gather together to acknowledge the past with respect and to look to God for comfort in the days to come.

There is a magic in the name—Old Kildonan — for it comes straight from the old land with all its beauty. There is something in a name which becomes a part of the lives of its people. In Canada there are many nostalgic names from coast to coast. By the hill and by the stream there is a name which denotes the tradition and faith which were stamped on this country. There are names from the countries of Europe, from the British Isles—names which are imprinted and which have their messages for us. Old Kildonan takes its place among these fair names. Does it not mean that it was a fair people who were transplanted little by little, even as they were transplanted soul by soul? What they could not take in their hands, they brought in their hearts. What they founded here was a fellowship in which they enhanced the Kildonan beyond the seas and it became the Kildonan beside the Red River.

It is a privilege to speak of those who were no doubt among our own kindred. In this new day and age, they still come as I have come—more rapidly now than in days gone by but with still the same intent and purpose. They too bring their memories. May they plant their roots and have abiding influence in the days to come.

It is not my desire to claim exclusive possession of this heritage for our Church, for now after one hundred years, what is good in it is a part of all of Canada. I come in the name of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to account for the stewardship of this place, for

They came not as tourists to this hallowed ground. They came as devotees seeking a blessing.

the memories and the traditions. These things are not ours alone but we venture humbly to say that we believe we have not been unworthy of the trust. We have kept the traditions. We have not suffered memories to be overlooked. The Presbyterian Church from coast to coast comes to Old Kildonan to-day to say that we shall continue faithfully to keep in our memory these things, but of all, we wish them to be a part of the life and tradition of the Canadian people and above all that they may have inspiration for the many problems that haunt us but do not daunt us.

What did the people of Old Kildonan do when they came to this soil? They made many things visible by their coming, things they never saw with their own eyes and perhaps never dreamed in their hearts. They made visible this great city whose courage was seen not long ago when the Red River was in an angry mood. With courage and prayer they built this land. They maintained their faith when there was no visible means of maintaining it except in their hearts and in their hopes. For half a century, their faith was kept alive. A people like that could hardly fail. Simple in outlook, plain in living and yet serene in heart. It is inevitable that we should see the fruits of their labours. They came and settled here and went about meeting circumstances without fear. It is of no profit to recall their struggles but it is of profit to know how they faced their daily tasks. They never turned back. The only sound they heard was the mighty river. Now a city stands beside it proof of their faith and indomitable courage.

Now, we must look ahead. Canada has become a great nation with great responsibilities. She can only measure up to these responsibilities in a manner commensurate with the faith and courage of the people. To-day our sons are in a desolate land maintaining the right. That is the kind of responsibility that falls on our people. The people of old built this nation; they made great wealth visible. They made something else visible without which all their conquests were but vanity. They brought faith in God. They sang songs of praise. Not only in this community is that faith still with us—it is our privilege in our Church to expound that faith in our generation and to hand it on to other generations. We in The Presbyterian Church in Canada acknowledge that in fickle and disillusioning times that faith is strengthening. We offer it with assurance and with great hope. Our faith is not one to appeal to emotions only. It is because of sterner qualities that the faith of the Presbyterian Church has been perpetuated. We seek still to perpetuate it.

If our forefathers came again, they might ask if we are making the most of our faith in the midst of great resources. Have we become weary in well doing they might ask? Have we grown cold? The history of Presbyterianism in this community is blended with that of the foundations of the Church of England here. These two historic faiths of the Reformation worked together without entanglements before John Black came to build this church. The one was strengthened by the other. The Presbyterian from Scotland and the Anglican from England worshipped in the Anglican way, but each maintained his identity. Their separateness of faith made their strength not their coalescing into nothingness. The Presbyterian Church in Canada could now stand fast saying to itself: "we have many things to our credit and a certain amount of achievement, why should we make sacrifices. We have done our part in this day. We have a certain amount of men and of money, we can make a respectable showing as it is. Let others face the issues of modern life".

Brethren all, we could not look at the blessed thoughts and memories that are ours to-day if we let such thoughts possess our souls. The Presbyterian Church has never stood still in any land. Since the days of the Reformation it has accomplished many things. It has had its martyrs, it has made its sacrifices. Our answer to the pioneers of Old Kildonan as to what we have in mind as a tribute is that we are going forth in faith as they did, that we with our greater resources may outdistance them with our outreach. The Presbyterian Church is and always will be a missionary church. This is our answer to John Black: we treasure the memory of your day, we marvel at your endurance, we pay tribute to your sacrifices. May it please God, not only to make us mindful of your service but to go forward and do likewise.

There is something about this land which gets into the blood. No other place is like it. Here is another Kildonan which will be an inspiration for those who will live gloriously for generations to come.

Have you been to old Kildonan;
Seen the Red, with gentle sweep,
Guard the little, rude God's Acre
Where the Selkirk settlers sleep?

Have you seen it in the moonlight,
Snow-enshrouded, still and white,
As a myriad stars shone softly
Through the lucent winter night,

While the church was limned in shadow
On the overmantling snow,
Where the headstones stood like sentries
O'er its builders, row on row?

You may tread, with pride and wonder,
O'er this ever-sacred sod,
Where a little band of Crofters
Claimed the great, new West for God.

—From "Old Kildonan" by John MacKay.

What Does "Christian Outreach" Mean to Women?

BY REVEREND A. NEIL MILLER, SECRETARY,
STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

THIS Christian Outreach project, of course, means, to the women in our established congregations, just what it means to the men: a challenge to Christian adventure and service. It means a fulfillment of Christian discipleship. We are not to be like stagnant, land-locked ponds, forever receiving and giving out nothing. We are to be like channels, like canals, through which the water flows and over which commerce passes. "Christian Outreach" is an appeal to women to pass on in a substantial way, something of the blessing and comfort they themselves have received from the Christian faith and the Church.

But what does Christian Outreach mean to women in the new suburban communities and in the new frontier outposts? What does it mean to those who have to bear the deepest care for the children of this generation? Or to those who live in communities that have no organized social or religious fellowship. Or to those who have added to all the normal cares of young motherhood the special stresses that contain home-building and family training in our day.

"Christian Outreach" means nothing to them, may well be the answer—and that because they have not heard of it. And Christian Outreach may continue to mean nothing to these women because men and women in the established congregations do nothing about it.

But Christian Outreach may mean a great and glorious good news to them if we elsewhere express our gratitude to God in concrete service to our fellow men.

It may mean—

- Christian fellowship
- Christian counsel and guidance
- Christian comfort and hope.

It may mean a Sunday School for their children and a place of worship and of service for the parents—a friendly group in which their own interests and talents may bear fruit beyond their own communities—Young People's groups in which their young people will receive training that will not only shape life and destiny for the children but also greatly reduce the anxiety that many parents must bear as their children pass through adolescence.

Christian Outreach may mean new life in the home, a new spirit in the community and new windows in the mind and soul.

Women will surely know that need in other women. For it is the women in these new communities who bear the real load. The men escape daily to work and contacts in the city or to the adventure and struggle of the frontier. But it is the women who must "stay put" in the home and community. And it is on the women that depends the future quality and vigour and form of the community's life. "Christian Outreach" challenges women to help women.

It Is A Family Affair

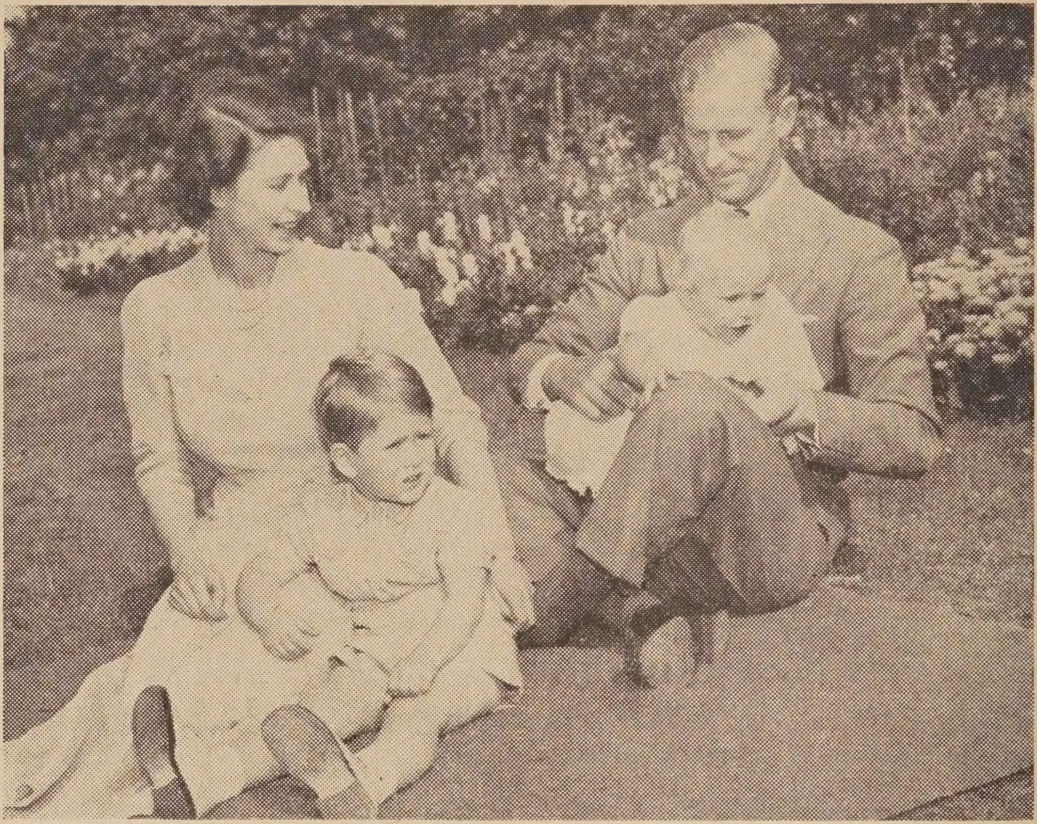
THE Christian Outreach campaign is just such a challenge which every member of the Women's Missionary Society will accept, knowing that unless our Church keeps pace with changing times in our nation it will fail to fulfil its God-given commission on earth. Should the Presbyterian Church fail to provide facilities for our Canadian people to make their witness, all that we seek to do as a Missionary Society will be but an empty shell. The stream which sustains the life of the country-side is empty and dead, if its source is not first filled with life-giving water.

We speak often of our W.M.S. family. We are proud of it and here is an opportunity for the whole family to work together in an effort to raise one million dollars. From Mission Band to Senior Auxiliary we must be part of this campaign of Christian Outreach.

Mrs. Pae has written to our Auxiliaries urging its members to co-operate in every way possible. We are beginning to hear results from the letter. For instance from the town of Arthur comes word that Saugeen Presbyterial has met, with representatives of all organizations from every church in the Presbyterial present. The letter also told of the interest in that area and expressed hope for a successful campaign.

The Christian Outreach campaign is a family affair. It is an affair in which our Presbyterian family is engaged, not in an effort to "keep up with the Jones", but to take our place with the Christian Church in Canada in presenting the "Truth that makes us free".

M.E.W.



The memory of the Royal visit will be warm in Canadian hearts for a long time. We realize that we have met two young people who have dedicated their lives wholeheartedly to a very high calling. We like to think of them as a lovely Princess and as a handsome Prince but we rejoice especially that they are a Christian family and enjoy family life. As we bid farewell to Their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh we join with Canadians in all parts of the land in wishing them Godspeed.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Now! Everybody needs a Church.

As we think of the neighbouring continent of South America during the 1951-52 study year, let us be mindful also of the needs of the North American continent.

Now is the time to become aware of these needs and *Now* will make us aware of them. *Now* is an illustrated digest built around the idea that everybody needs a church with the main emphasis directed to home missionary activity.

This digest is full of human interest stories, anecdotes and news features planned and written for young people and adults, giving glimpses of the present need for new and renewed churches and showing the varied ways by which the different denominations are endeavouring to bring a Christian ministry to people.

Read *Now* and you will read of —"Christianity at Street Level"; how a new church came into being in a "Ghost Town"; many types of places in which people worship and churches are established; the constructive work which is done by men and women students in the summer vacation; how missions are carried on by boat; how "New Occasions Teach New Duties". Read *Now* and be inspired to have a greater share in providing churches for people in our own land.

Now should be in every home so that the members of the family may pick it up and read it. We are sure they will really read the stories if they get the chance.

Now is attractively priced at .35 per copy.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

IT is a pleasure for Council Executive to introduce to our membership Mrs. W. R. Adamson newly elected Senior Auxiliary Secretary. Mrs. Adamson is not a stranger to the work of the Society having been a member of Council Executive from 1929-31 and returning again early in 1951. Mrs. Adamson's work will be general supervision of all Senior Auxiliaries with whom she will be in contact through the Corresponding Secretaries of the Synodicals and the Auxiliaries page in *The Glad Tidings.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary

IT was with regret that Council Executive accepted the resignation of Mrs. C. N. Johnston as Young Women's Secretary. Mrs. Johnston has served the department for nine years and during that time has done much for the missionary-minded young women of our Church.

It was while Mrs. Johnston was secretary that the Evening Department was formed. Many of the Young Women's groups at that time transferred to the new department in order to keep step with the newly arranged age range of the various groups. It was Mrs. Johnston's task to rebuild the Young Women's Department, and that task has been in progress, for many months without the help of an Executive Secretary until the appointment of Miss Grace Irvine. We thank

Mrs. Johnston for her contribution to this department. She remains on Council Executive as a Vice-President.

We welcome to Council Executive and to the Young Women's Department Miss Ellen V. Haw. Miss Haw was elected Young Women's Secretary at the annual meeting of Council. She learned of the missionary work from C.G.I.T. through Young Women's Department, and Evening Auxiliary. She is at present a representative of our Church on the National C.G.I.T. Committee. You will be hearing from Miss Haw through this page in the months to come. We welcome her and wish her happiness in her service to our Society.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

HOW wonderful it would have been had it been possible for all of you who are reading this page, to have been present at the conference on girls' work which was held during Council week in Regina! How easily could we have laid a new foundation on which to build our department. We would have known so well, that we have to re-build because our present structure has been found wanting and we who are working in this department, could have planned for the future, with the knowledge of our own weaknesses to warn and to guide us.

It wasn't possible for all of you to be there—but you were well represented at the conference. Clever, earnest and sincere women represented you. Women who were vitally concerned about our girls. They shared their knowledge and experience in an effort to build our girls' department to greater strength and to make of it a force of greater helpfulness to the teen-age girl.

The basis of discussion was focussed upon the reports given by Miss Helen Bricker and by your secretary, both of whom stressed the alarming drop in membership during the last twelve years. It was pointed out that since 1939 half the membership was gone. Last year there had been a drop of 400 members, despite the fact that many new groups had been formed. Discouraging isn't it?

Both secretaries were appalled at the poor type of programme used by many groups and the inexperienced, untrained leaders were much to be regretted. Miss Bricker said "Leaders are needed who are definitely Christian and who are prepared to put all they have into the work. Leaders are the key people—where there are good leaders the girls come. Material, particularly for new leaders is badly needed."

Along the same lines your secretary spoke of reports received which told simultaneously of lack of interest and lack of members. One feels that it is our job to give leadership in trying to create greater interest on the part of Presbyterial and Synodical Executives.

Now, how did the members of our conference group feel about these facts? They agreed one hundred per cent! They knew all about the lack of interest on the part of our "grown-ups" when it comes to the teen-age girl. They told of this apathy towards our work in Synodicals, Presbyterials and right down to the local auxiliary.

Surely, now that this has been so widely acknowledged, we who are responsible (and that means you too) should get down to work and do something about it.

Everyone told of the difficulty in getting leaders and agreed that it would be much easier to overcome this difficulty if materials to guide the new leader were available. This brought to the fore another statement which we had made namely that our Girls' Work Secretary could not possibly visit every group and one wondered if perhaps Miss Bricker might make the greatest contribution by preparing such materials for leaders. The attention of leaders is drawn to the particularly fine study which Miss Bricker has prepared. It is called *Southern Lights.* The packet contains such splendid suggestions and instructions that if they were acted upon, a dull meeting would be impossible. Miss Bricker, who excels in this type of work, has given us of her best and that best is very good indeed.

Of course, everyone did not agree that the visits of the Secretary should be discontinued or decreased. Your representatives told of the great need for help from "the outside" of groups who so seldom had a visitor and how badly some groups needed help. However, it was agreed that it was necessary that our girls' work secretary train leaders who will be able to give leadership to girls, and most of the delegates present, promised to speak of the need for executives making it possible for their girls' group leader to attend a central point at which leadership training would be given when the Secretary visited that Presbyterial.

Miss Bricker advised using the many worth-while aids provided by the National Girls' Work Board. She pointed out that as we contributed to this Board and had a voice in all that was done, that we ought to make use of the splendid material prepared for the use of girls' groups across Canada.

All too soon, our conference came to an end. We were all sorry that we could not have had many more hours, but we had long enough for each of us to recognize that our problems are much the same as those of others and certainly, we all agreed that we must get right to work and *do* something about our weaknesses.

This is something we all have to do. You who are reading this page share this responsibility with the delegates. There is a certain group in this department which you know better than anyone else. Perhaps there is a weakness there. If there is, can we count on you to help to get rid of it and to re-build your girls' work upon a sure foundation?

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

"Let Us Keep Christmas"

Let us keep CHRISTMAS

EARLY on a Christmas morning a little girl was happily singing "Happy birthday to you." Her mother gently reminded her "This is Christmas Day, Dear." "Oh yes, Mummie, I know. It is Jesus birthday, and I am singing 'Happy Birthday' to Him." Was it a Sunday School teacher or Mission Band Leader who had made Jesus Christ so real to that child that her first thoughts on Christmas morning were of the Babe in the Manger whose birth the heavenly hosts proclaimed with joyous song?

Fortunate indeed is that child who has been taught by parents and teachers that to him Christmas means the song of the angels, the visits of shepherds and wise men to worship and present gifts to the baby Jesus.

Truly blessed are all those who know that the heavenly host proclaimed that He who was born at Bethlehem came that all people might sing "Glory to God in the highest," and realize that "Peace on earth" is possible only where people everywhere bow in worship, and offer gifts of obedience, service and sacrifice in the name of the one whom they know to be "the Saviour, which is Christ the Lord". So as we plan and prepare for Christmas in homes and Church let us share with the children the knowledge that "love came down at Christmas" in the person of the Christ child.

Let us KEEP Christmas

Friendship and helpfulness, peace and goodwill will carry Christmas all through the year. By sharing with other members of God's family we may continue the work of Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good.

Because of the last war there are thousands of children in Europe and in Japan who have no books or toys and whose clothing is not sufficient to keep them warm in cold weather. Wouldn't you like to do something for them? Here are two suggestions for keeping Christmas all the year.

1. Make mittens—all colours, all sizes. If you do not knit how about earning money to buy wool for someone else to make into mittens.

2. Make toy animals for children overseas, and then have a Duffel Bag Party. Are you wondering "What is a Duffel Bag Party?" Well first make the animals out of fast colour cotton cloth, and cheap grade batting. Then make the bag to hold these toys.

1. Use 1 yard of 35 inch strong cotton cloth, preferably in a bright colour.

2. Stitch two edges of the square of cotton together to make the bag.

3. To one end of bag sew a piece of cardboard cut round.

4. In other end of the bag put a drawstring and handles made of the same cloth as bag.

5. When animals and bags are made invite parents and friends to a party. They might like to bring gifts of pins, needles, thread, safety pins, hooks and eyes, snaps, soap, etc. to send overseas.

6. At the party display the mittens and animals and tell that they are being sent to children in Europe and Japan.

7. Pack mittens into a box, the toys into duffel bag, and pins, needles, etc. into a draw string bag made of cotton cloth and put all together in box or wrap in strong paper.

8. Send your parcel to Room 800,
100 Adelaide St. W.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Lily M. Macarthur

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Mrs. J. S. Dobbie, 103-5th St. East,
Owen Sound, Press Secretary

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Miss Eva Somerville gave a résumé of our study book at the opening meeting of the fall term of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Owen Sound** on September 11th. As she went through each issue of the current year of our *Glad Tidings*, she cited some one article from each pertaining to our "Advance" programme. She paid a glowing tribute to our missionary magazine and warmly commended the reading and the studying of this "the most interesting and the most informative magazine to be found anywhere."

Mrs. Lyman Brown, Honorary President, read a personal letter from Mrs. George Mackay in which she thanked the Owen Sound Jessie Robertson Mission

Band for the monetary gift of a former member, now a student at the O.A.C. Guelph. This money had been used to buy Bibles for the boys and girls in their school. With permission I quote from Mrs. Mackay's letter. ''Last evening at suppertime a main-land military officer called bringing a friend. I asked if his friend would like a Bible and he answered 'yes'. I went away and brought one of the lovely little Chinese Testaments which your money had bought. He asked for an inscription on it. I wrote: 'A gift from a boy who loves the Lord Jesus'.'' Mrs. H. L. Severt, president, conducted the meeting.

Chatham Presbyterial—Mrs. L. Herbert was hostess for the annual Home Helpers meeting of the Auxiliary of St. James Church, **Thamesville,** held on September 4th. Mrs. George Weekes read a letter from Mrs. Charles Watts informing the Auxiliary that as a thank-offering on their 50th wedding anniversary, which was being quietly celebrated that day, she and her husband were bestowing an Honorary Life Membership on the oldest member of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Nelson B. Watts. This is the first instance in this Auxiliary of such a gift being given and they wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watts and to congratulate Mrs. Nelson Watts.

Mrs. H. Stewart, Home Helpers Secretary, convened the programme, the theme being, ''Stewardship'' as found in St. Luke 16:1-12.

An informative address on ''Taiwan, Island of Formosa'' was given by Mrs. H. W. Ingold at the first fall meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor.** Mrs. J. C. Stevens presided. Mrs. Ingold stressed the demand for literature on the Island told of the three new churches; student Christian youth groups and of the schools there. She also spoke of the hospital and of the work being done in the Leper Colony. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary and Supply Secretary reported their work had progressed satisfactorily throughout the summer months.

London Presbyterial — The Senior Auxiliary of Alma Street Church, **St. Thomas,** entertained the Executive of London Presbyterial on September 5th. Presidents of Auxiliaries and leaders of affiliated groups had been invited to attend. Mrs. Robert Bruce of Wallacetown, Vice-President of District No. 6, led in the devotional period using the verse ''I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians'' Romans 1:14, as the theme for her remarks. She pointed out how much we are dependent on each other in this modern world and how important it is that we work together for the good of all.

Mrs. J. C. Middleton, Treasurer, reported the financial returns to date satisfactory. Hospital visiting had been done regularly in St. Thomas and at the London hospitals. Mrs. D. Parker reported the Supply allocation had been met.

Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Presbyterial President, announced the visit of Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, she is to be in London Presbyterial during October. Secretaries of Children's, Girls' and Young Women's groups expressed pleasure at her coming visit and meetings will be planned when Miss Walker will speak and give counsel. The Fall Rally of the Presbyterial will be held in Elmwood Church, London on November 7th at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. S. Grosvenor expressed thanks to the ladies of the church for their hospitality.

Niagara Presbyterial—At an Executive meeting held in McQuaig Hall, **St.**

Catharines, the appointing of a programme committee was ratified in anticipation of the first annual meeting of the Presbyterial, to be held in January. Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Presbyterial President, presided. Mrs. A. V. Brown of Fenwick read excerpts from ''The Mission of our leadership''. ''We must all be missionaries of the Master, whose principles of personal dignity, individual worth and moral justice are those on which Canada is founded. We must retain faith and hope above all else in ultimate triumph of good over evil using all our senses that we may further the Gospel in all our contacts.''

Mrs. Dickson paid a personal tribute to two members lately departed, Miss K. McIntyre of Niagara-on-the-Lake and Mrs. Coulter, wife of Reverend H. M. Coulter of Knox Church, St. Catharines. The January meeting is to have three sessions: morning, afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Taylor Munroe, wife of the minister of the new charge of St. Andrew's Church, Pelham, in Grantham township, which started as a mission from Knox Church, St. Catharines, spoke on the work of this new charge which began on May 22nd. Twenty-four new communicants, an increased Sunday School and a successful Vacation Bible School were among the outstanding accomplishments. Mrs. Dickson asked the Presbyterial to pray for this new church.

The President then introduced the guest speaker, Miss Thelma Martin of Sudbury, formerly a missionary in British Guiana. Miss Martin termed herself ''no longer a paid worker but always a volunteer''. Miss Martin, assisted by Mrs. James Dickson (now in Formosa) established fifteen groups of women workers in an area from New Amsterdam to the coast of the Dutch Guiana border. Since her return to Canada Miss Martin has served in the capacity of a voluntary worker among the various groups of Chinese women in our midst.

Routine reports were read and discussed and all proved that the new Niagara Presbyterial is readily finding for itself a very vital and necessary role in our Women's Missionary Society enterprise. On an invitation from Mrs. McLean it was decided to hold the October Executive meeting in Knox Church, St. Catharines. A social hour followed the devotional period and all left the meeting with a new zeal and a new vigour for the Master's work.

Sarnia Presbyterial—At a very happy and inspiring summer meeting held in West Adelaide Church in August, the Auxiliary paid a special tribute to three of its members who are nearing their 80th birthday, Mrs. Mary Corbey, Mrs. George Corbey and Mrs. K. Skrier, by presenting them with corsages and potted plants. The roll call was answered by a Christmas gift for the bale. Members from the Helen Scott Evening Auxiliary were welcomed by Mrs. Craw. Two excellent papers—''Prayer'' by Mrs. Alfred Cuddy and ''Faithfulness'' by Mrs. W. Murray were enjoyed as well as musical numbers.

Stratford Presbyterial—The Central Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, extended congratulations to Miss Ada Wilson on her 80th birthday. Miss Wilson long has been a valued and a faithful worker in the church and the Women's Missionary Society.

Summer meetings have been held in the rural auxiliaries. In some instances the children and young women have taken charge.

Plans for Thank-offering meetings are well under way throughout the Presbyterial.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. JAY WATSON, BOX 1056,
WEYBURN, PRESS SECRETARY

PRINCE Albert Presbyterial — On August 26th a special anniversary service commemorated seventy-five years of witness by The Presbyterian Church at **Mistawasis.** The service was conducted by the minister, the Reverend W. W. Moore, D.D., who has served faithfully on this field for twenty-five years. Nineteen of those years he also served as school teacher on the field.

In spite of the inclement weather and muddy roads, the church was filled to overflowing. Visitors included members of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, and representatives from Prince Albert Presbyterial Executive: Miss Isabelle Bailey, President; Mrs. M. E. Williamson, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. A. Burt, Recording Secretary; Mrs. F. Dixon, Treasurer.

Dr. Moore spoke briefly of the founding of the Mission by the Reverend John McKay and of the slow but steady progress which has been made since that time. The names on the first communion roll were read. Two of those members, William Favel and Mrs. Peter Bird still survive. Quilts were presented to them. Mrs. Bird, who is one hundred and six years old and almost blind, is still very active and walks two miles to and from church each Sunday. A bouquet of flowers was presented by the congregation, to Mrs. Davidson of Leask, bedridden daughter of the late Reverend John McKay, founder of the mission.

Those assisting Dr. Moore in the service included Samuel Dreaver, who gave the invocation; James Bird, who gave the long prayer in Cree; Mrs. Alex. Black, who sang in Cree unaccompanied; Samuel Dreaver sang a solo and later a duet with Miss Moore. Miss Wilna Moore, sister of Dr. Moore was the organist.

Following the service all were invited to the Mission House where the Indian women served tasty refreshments. The two granddaughters of Reverend John McKay, Mrs. M. E. Williamson and Mrs. H. Groskleg, were honoured guests.

Call to Prayer

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, guide, we beseech Thee, the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness."

To this end, grant us the conscious presence of Thy Holy Spirit. Deliver us from prejudice and hasty judgments. Free us from selfishness, hatred and fear. Open our minds and our hearts to the needs of millions of Thy people. Strengthen us to assume our responsibilities toward them. Bless all who suffer privation of body, insecurity of mind, anguish of soul. Hasten their deliverance, we implore Thee.

Forgive us, O God, our many failures to live worthily as Thy children. Grant us all grace, enabling us in thought, word and deed so to live and serve that Thy Kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

September 29, 1951

RECEIPTS:

A Friend, Vancouver, ‘‘Overseas Work’’	$ 7.00
A Friend, ‘‘Peace River Van’’	10.00
St. Andrew’s Sunday School, Windsor, Ontario, Education of girl, Bhil Field, India’’	65.00
Offering at Council Meeting	60.45
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	10,466.87
Life Membership	42.35
Amount deducted from Missionaries’ salaries, as requested.	801.30
Income Tax deducted from Workers	397.87
Refund from St. Margaret’s Girls’ Centre	12.82
Hospitalization Rates received from workers	172.00
Annuity rates received from workers	752.51
Synodical Givings:	
Manitoba	583.47
Manitoba, Supplies	59.10
Hamilton and London	3,400.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	106.25
Montreal and Ottawa	1,100.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	720.80
Toronto and Kingston	4,300.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	428.80
	$23,486.59

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Residential Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey School	$ 333.31
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	3,950.57
Birtle School	293.33
Birtle School, Government Grant	2,441.33
Deaconesses	1,500.05
Chinese in Canada	1,098.15
Port Work	133.33
Children’s Centres, Vancouver and Montreal	434.42
National Advance	453.62
India:	
Bhil Field	6,058.33
Jhansi Field	4,310.00
Taiwan	2,840.30
British Guiana	1,310.00
Brazil	500.00
New Missionary	525.00
Missionaries’ Expenses, Travel, etc.	864.45
Overseas Advance	838.91
Overseas Contingency	2,417.25
Training of Nationals	527.20
Building Churches in Japan	900.00
Scholarship for Dr. Chaako	125.00
Koreans in Japan	350.00
Christian Literature	137.50
Organization	1,001.61
Publication	955.86
Exchange	7.57
Administration	2,311.71
Supplies	3,203.99
Deputation	50.00
Insurance and Taxes	6.50
Visual Aids	10.45
Candidates	26.70
Council Expenses	2,686.59
Workers’ income tax	452.17
Payments made from Special Gifts	503.81
Payments from 1950 Balance	1,132.45
Annuity rates deposited in Pension Fund	792.51
	$45,483.97

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Legacy Fund—	
A Friend	$1,000.00
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
	$1,025.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Royal Conservatory of Music	$ 140.00
Legacy Fund—	
Christian Literature for Formosa	623.80
Pension Fund—	
Annuity rates	746.23
Purchase of Annuities for workers	1,706.98
	$3,217.01

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

Changes for the Annual Report 1950

Edmonton Presbyterial—Children's Secretary, Mrs. J. Price, 10551-80th Ave., Edmonton.

Brandon Presbyterial—Young Women's Secretary, Mrs. C. G. McKinnon, Wellwood; Children's Secretary, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Carberry; Supply Secretary, Mrs. John Manson, 534 Princess Ave. E., Brandon.

New Organizations

Brandon Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. Group, Carberry. Leader, Miss Muriel Murray.

Hamilton and London

Chatham Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, St. Andrew's, Windsor. Pres., Mrs. Henry Lee; Sec.-Treas., Miss May Lee, 876 Dougall Ave.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Evening Auxiliary, West Flamboro. Pres., Mrs. Ross George; Treas., Mrs. Lyle Ferris; Sec., Mrs. Roy Krompart, R. R. 2., Dundas.

London Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary (Affiliated), Elmwood Church, London. Pres., Mrs. E. E. Bowlby; Treas., Mrs. S. McLeod; Sec., Mrs. M. Chalmers, 171 Broughdale St.

Sarnia Presbyterial—Mission Band, Watford. Leader, Mrs. Blake Perry, R. R. 2, Watford.

Young Women's Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Petrolia. Pres., Mrs. Forbes Ramsay; Treas., Mrs. Jack Kirby; Sec., Mrs. Taylor Howlett.

Montreal and Ottawa

Ottawa Presbyterial—Mission Band, Richmond. Leaders, Mrs. F. O'Hara, The Manse; Mrs. D. A. Roseborough.

Quebec Presbyterial—Senior Auxiliary, Danville. Pres., Mrs. D. Kerr; Treas., Mrs. E. McCoy; Sec., Mrs. L. Findlay.

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Editorial

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2: 13-14.

THE angels' song has been sung through these two thousand years with many a discordant accompaniment. The cacophony of men's disputes has at times almost overwhelmed the clear song of promise. But to-day as on that memorable day when shepherds left their worldly cares to go to Bethlehem to worship the Christ-child, we are called to remember the One who can make peace and goodwill possible, and like them to leave all and worship at His Throne.

"Goodwill toward men". Peace and goodwill do not come by accident. They are goals for which we must continually work. One of the greatest conquests must be within the boundary of our own lives. We cannot work for peace and goodwill if we harbour within ourselves conflict, prejudices, ill-will. To-day if the heavenly song is to ring clear, across the whole world, each one of us must "go to Bethlehem" praying that Christ the Son of God may forgive our sins and there receive again the vision of a world kneeling together before His throne.

In our missionary work, we deeply desire that many more women should share the joy and happiness of attempting to make some advance possible in God's Kingdom. We cannot show that joy unless in our missionary groups we have the true missionary spirit, unless we with God's help put away the things which divert our attention from our one purpose. What is that purpose? Is it not to make the angels' song heard in every part of the earth? At this Christmas Season, as we look forward to a year in which we hope to widen the influence of the Church both at home and abroad—let us each one — "go even unto Bethlehem and see the thing that has come to pass". As we feel again the miracle of Christmas we will go forth to the task to which we have been called, glorifying and praising God, knowing that with Him as our Guide all things are possible.

Christmas Service Of Worship

(Note: Be sure that all parts are assigned well in advance. Arrange for the service to proceed without announcement.)

Quiet Music—*O Little Town of Bethlehem* played softly.

First Reader—"Ever as dawns the Christmas Day,
The worn old world goes faring,
Seeking the place where the young child lay,
Where the kings of the East bowed low to pray,
And peace was born to abide alway,
In hearts that were long despairing."
(William E. Brooks.)

Hymn—Book of Praise—No. 169—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*—Verse 1.

Second Reader—Luke 2: 1-7.

First Reader—"O little inn of Bethlehem,
How could you choose that day,
To turn the King of heaven
So cruelly away?
A-down the years the answer comes
In tones tinged deep with gloom,
'I did not mean to be unkind,
There merely was no room!' "
(Author Unknown.)

Hymn—*O Little Town of Bethlehem*—Verse 2.

Third Reader—The Announcement—Luke 2: 8-14.

Hymn—Book of Praise—No. 168—*While Shepherds watched their Flocks.*

Fourth Reader—The Response of the Shepherds—Luke 2: 15-20.

First Reader—"Only a manger, cold and bare,
Only a maiden mild,
Only some shepherds kneeling there
Watching a little child;
And yet that maiden's arms enfold
The King of heaven above;
And in the Christ-Child we behold
The Lord of life and love."
(Author Unknown.)

Hymn—Book of Praise—No. 172—*Holy Night! Peaceful Night!*

Fifth Reader—The Response of the Wisemen—Matt. 2: 1-11.

Hymn—Book of Praise—No. 177—*As with gladness men of old*—Vs. 1, 2, 3.

First Reader—Our Response To-day—
"O little inn of Bethlehem
How like we are to you!
Our lives are crowded to the brim
With this and that to do—
We're not unfriendly to the King,
We mean well, without doubt,
We have no hostile feelings—
We merely crowd Him out."
(Author Unknown.)

Hymn—Book of Praise—No 175—*O Come all ye Faithful.*

Benediction—First Reader—As the music of *O Little Town of Bethlehem* is again played softly offer as the Benediction the third and fourth verses of that hymn.

—*Louise A. Reith.*

Christmas In Tamsui Girls' School

BY ISABEL TAYLOR, A.T.C.M.

THIS is the story of Christmas 1950 in our Tamsui Girls' School, Formosa.

We always do special things at Christmas time so our girls will know it is the celebration of our Saviour's Birth. Western customs connected with our festival have crept into the East so we try to emphasize in various ways that it is really a time of special joy of the spirit.

Our school is not unlike Western schools. In addition to regular classes, we have a Music Department, an Art Department and a Household Science Department. One of the great joys in preparing for Christmas a year ago was the co-operation of all departments to create lovely settings for the Christmas celebrations.

John Palmer

Miss Isabel Taylor

The morning worship for several weeks before Christmas included the singing of Christmas hymns and Scripture telling the story of Jesus' Birth and what He was to mean to all Christians as Saviour of the world.

Two years before my co-worker and I had created together some Christmas tableaux with music by the whole school. The Art teacher painted the scenery for us and two teachers did the lighting. It was so successful and everyone was so happy working together that this Christmas the Principal asked if we wouldn't do something like it again. Last year six of the music graduates came back to study. They taught the singing all year. The Art Department had third-year girls who were already advanced in Art work. We decided that the Christmas entertainment should be the work of the girls themselves instead of the teachers. We supervised and helped them with advice. It was truly inspiring to see everyone working together.

We had to have a Christmas tree, for one afternoon was set aside for the giving of gifts.

Everyone in the school provided a small gift which was numbered and numbers were drawn for gifts. The decorations for the tree were made by the girls and lights made by two of our teachers. They even made them to wink in and out. One set of small lights were made from flash bulbs covered with coloured cellophane. A basket of gifts was also prepared for the patients in the Leprosy Colony.

Our real celebration came on the Saturday before Christmas. The first part of the evening was music provided by chosen girls, the latter part was our Christmas tableaux. There were four, The Inn At Bethlehem, The Shepherds in the Fields, The Wise Men bearing gifts, and The Manger. We had to have perfect synchronization of lights, music and reading of the Scripture, which was done by a small first-year girl who belonged to Tamsui Church.

We were able to create something very beautiful. Ideas were added from everyone so we might make the pictures as real as possible. The carpenter had made a set of footlights under the direction of the science teacher, and frames with coloured cellophane. These were changed by girls crouched under the tables on which the footlights rested at the edge of the platform. At one side the science teacher operated a spotlight, which had a revolving set of coloured lights. The glass was cracked but it was usable. The work of the art girls was exceptionally good. For days we were stepping over great sheets of paper laid out on the gym floor. Behind the curtain, when the Scripture was being read, the art girls looked after the changing of their own art work. They painted the donkey on which Mary sat so realistically that one person in the audience was heard to say that it was real. Her friend said that wasn't possible but the lady remarked "It is, I saw it move". For our costumes we poured over pictures and books, then raided the houses on the compound and the girls' rooms. At Christmas time, Formosa is beautiful with poinsettias in full bloom and many kinds of palm and trailing fern so it was not difficult to have decorations. The Household Economics' girls did any serving that was necessary.

We are hoping that we can procure some permanent costumes and make this a tradition of our school for the Christmas season. We feel our girls know the real meaning of the Christmas season, a season of praise and Thanksgiving that God, the Father, sent His only Son our Saviour into the world, a season when we think of others in our giving, as God gave us this Gift of His Love.

Open Letter To Women's Missionary Society Members

Dear W.M.S. Member:

MEMORIES of the Council Meeting will still be in the minds of those who were delegates. By this time many more members will have heard reports of proceedings there. The memory of Council is still very fresh in my mind too. I had been particularly impressed with the fact that our Secretaries were making very plain to us that no longer was the actual missionary work on frontiers far from our place of living. It has become a part of our daily lives. This, to me, was made particularly clear in Miss Matthews' presentation of the National work. You will recall that she spoke of our personal responsibility for the work among Indians, Chinese and New Canadians.

All this came back to me very forcibly when on my return from Council I had the opportunity to visit Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora.

For many months, Cecilia Jeffrey has been short staffed. Finding people to fill the posts there has been a steady job for Mrs. McMurrich and Miss Matthews for a long time. They have appealed to us, through *Glad Tidings* and through the Annual Report to assist in finding people who would be sincerely interested in serving at an Indian School. You and I have repeatedly failed to answer that appeal. The result is that Cecilia Jeffrey is not properly staffed.

I think we all realize that every position in an Indian School, bears with it great responsibility. To have one hundred and fifty children under constant care is not a job for just anyone. It is a task to be undertaken by a staff working together helping each other for the welfare of the children. So when a cook is required, it means not only one who can skilfully do quantity cooking, but one who sees in the job a real service. So it is with each job.

At "C.J." the extra work falling upon the remaining members of staff presented a great problem. It meant that every one faced increased responsibilities. It takes strong people to meet such a challenge and there were several members of staff who just did not have that kind of strength, they resigned, placing a further burden upon those who are there now—a burden that is almost a physical impossibility.

The blame, in my humble opinion, for the situation at Cecilia Jeffrey to-day lies at each of our doorsteps. It is our lack of a personal sense of responsibility for Indian work that is reflected there.

The question now is what can we do? I truly believe that if we earnestly try, in every way known to us, that Cecilia Jeffrey will soon be well staffed. Perhaps we know someone in our town who would make an ideal cook, or manual training teacher, or farm manager. Perhaps we know that they are people who would not take a job like this in an Indian School lightly. Whether we are acquainted with people who will fill this job now or not, we can still keep presenting the work to those who might be interested in the future. The Indian work is presenting a great challenge to our Church and our Society to-day. The challenge and the responsibility lie before each of us. If we are truly missionary minded, we shall not fail.

Sincerely,

M. E. Whale.

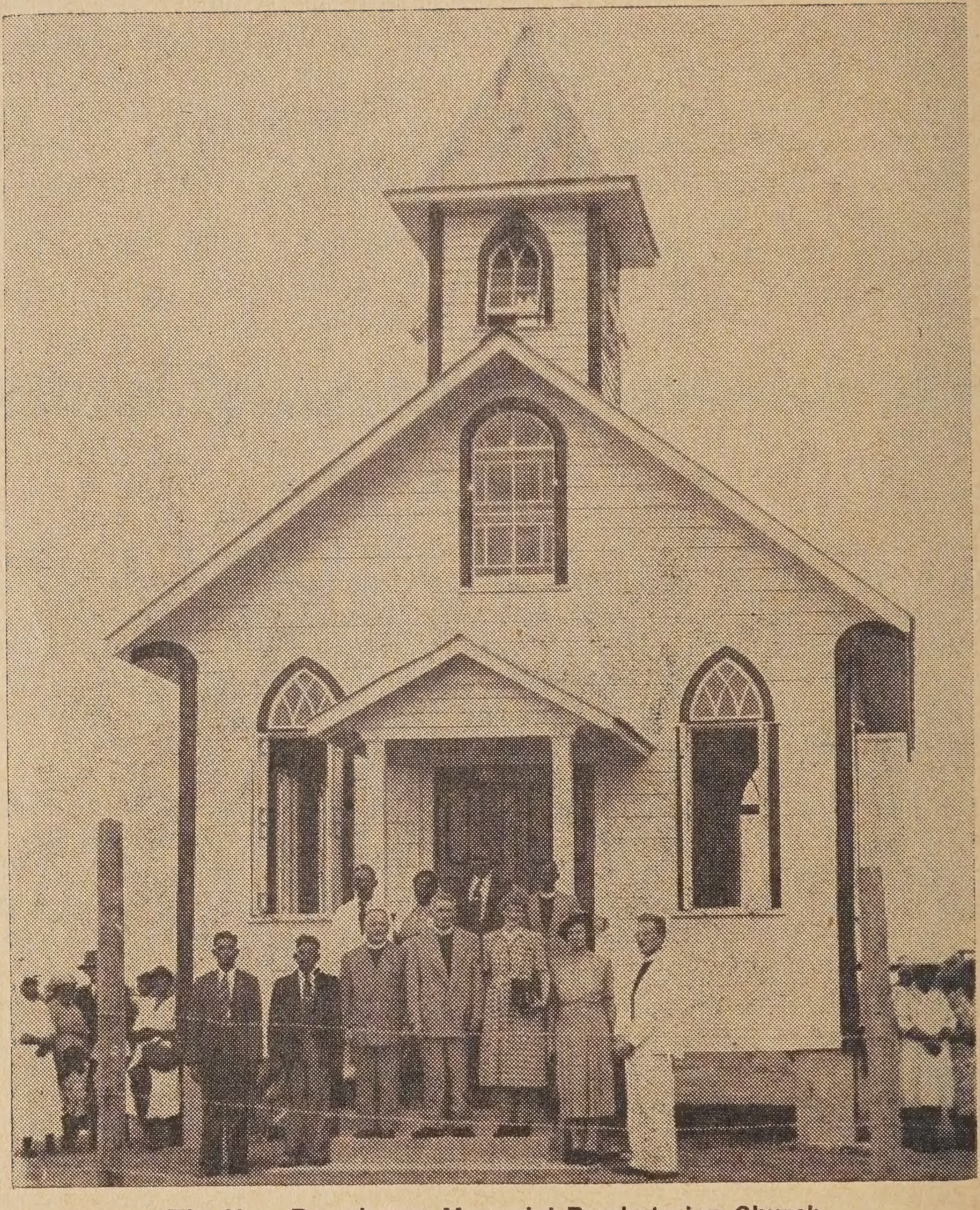
Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, Thou who art the Everlasting and Almighty God, ruling in Thy majesty over heaven and earth and all who dwell therein, from whom comes all our joy and happiness in Christmas-tide, we come to Thee in humbleness of heart and spirit. We ask that, in Thine infinite mercy and goodness, Thou wilt forgive Thy wayward children for all that they have failed to do for Thee throughout the year; for lack of vision and understanding, for lack of that abiding trust and faith which makes us one with Thee.

We thank Thee, Father, for the great gift of Thy Beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who came to earth, a little Child, on that first Christmas morn, to take upon His tender shoulders the burden of our sins, and lead us home to Thee. Open our hearts anew to the wonder and glory of His coming, as we rejoice in Him, and make us worthy of His great sacrifice for us. Grant, we beseech Thee, that ''Peace on earth, goodwill toward men'' may become a reality upon this earth in Thy good time, and evil forces bow before Thy sovereign will. Upon all needy, seeking souls, wherever they may dwell within this world of turmoil and distress, we pray Thee to bestow Thy protecting tenderness and care, and the blessing of eternal life in Thy great love and compassion for all mankind.

Bless Thy Church on earth; all who work for Thee in distant lands; all who come to Thee in faith and hope and need; and all in sorrow or perplexity who seek Thy guidance and Thy help. Strengthen us, O Father, and grant that in each heart and life there may abide, in all its beauty, the true meaning of Christmas, and the revelation of Thy redeeming love.

We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Amen.



The New Ramcharan Memorial Presbyterian Church

Standing in front of the building are some members of the Board of Managers and some of the missionaries: (right to left) Rev. B. G. Andrew, Miss Ellen Anderson, Mrs. John Elder, Dr. W. A. Cameron and Rev. John Elder.

Our First Canadian Mission Catechist in British Guiana

BY REVEREND JOHN ELDER

ONE of the finest Christians that I have ever known was Catechist Andrew Ramcharan, the first Canadian Mission Catechist appointed in British Guiana. He was humble, unassuming, and genial in personality. A man of sterling Christian character, devoted to his Lord and Master. His sincerity of purpose won the respect of the high and low of the land and also the love of his people. He was born at Plantation Success, East Coast, Demerara, in the year 1869. He was led to Christ by the Reverend Thomas Slater and received training from the Reverend Thomas Slater and from Dr. Turner both ministers of the Church of Scotland. He served the Church of Scotland for several years and when that denomination turned over its East Indian Work to us, on the recommendation of the Reverend Thomas Slater and Dr. J. B. Cropper, he became our first Catechist.

He gave faithful and sacrificial service throughout his gracious ministry. He travelled from one end of the Colony to the other looking for desirable locations to organize Christian work. He was the most outstanding pioneer Catechist that we ever appointed. Those were difficult times because the Colony was undeveloped. The Catechist had to travel many miles through dense bush and oftentimes walked in his bare feet through deep mud to visit the members of his congregation and also non-Christians. His wife and children had to endure considerable hardship, it was not easy to find houses to rent in some of those primitive districts. Quite frequently they had to leave their home during tropical storms to seek shelter at the homes of their friends and neighbours, because of the conditions of their house.

The services of the Catechist were so acceptable that on the recommendation of Dr. Cropper he was sent to Naparima College, Trinidad for a course in theology. He proved to be a good student and after completing his course he returned to his work in British Guiana.

It was the late Dr. J. B. Cropper who introduced me to Catechist Ramcharan, on the second Sunday that I was in the Colony, about the middle of September 1941. We met in the old dilapidated, ungainly, unsightly building in which the congregation worshipped, it was previously used for a sugar factory. The Catechist directed my attention to the nearby Hindu Temple, informing me that our diets of worship were often disturbed with the beating of drums and other instruments. He took me to a more suitable and central site requesting that I endeavour to have a new church building erected there. Unfortunately he did not live to see his dream come true because he passed away in August 1943. We were much delayed with this project because of war conditions and strange to say, by the opposition of the Hindus which is a rare thing for us to experience now in British Guiana. However, through the co-operation of the General Board of Missions the new church was completed and declared open in December 1950. It was most fortunate that Dr. W. A. Cameron, Secretary for Overseas Missions, General Board of Missions was in the Colony at the time. The people were delighted when he consented to declare the building open and preach the first sermon in their new Church. The members of the Ramcharan family were there and expressed their appreciation of our kindness in naming the new church "The Ramcharan Memorial Canadian Presbyterian Church". It was fitting and proper that we should do this because our people throughout the Colony have fragrant memories of this winsome Christian personality who served his Lord and our Mission for about fifty years.

N.B.—Chapter six of our study this year—"Meet The South Americans" mentions Ramcharan Memorial Church. You will find it of interest to save this article in some special place so that when the time comes to discuss chapter six, you will have information which will add to the understanding and appreciation of the mission there.

In Memory Of Mrs. Ewan Mackenzie

AT the Centennial week-end, commemorating the arrival of Rev. John Black to work among the pioneer settlers in Western Canada, a former W.M.S. worker was remembered by men and women from many parts of Canada.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson, representing the Council Executive of the W.M.S. unveiled a stone inscribed, "in memory of Mary Mackenzie beloved wife of Reverend Ewan Mackenzie, August 4, 1861 — December 6, 1948, also her sister Annie Innes, erected by the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., of The Presbyterian Church In Canada and other friends, in recognition of long and faithful service rendered to this community."

Reverend G. Dickey, a friend of Mrs. Mackenzie and her sister, spoke of the work which was done by these two women in the Gonor district. "After her husband's death, Mrs. Mackenzie tried to retire. She could not withdraw from the work. She saw much to

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ANNIE INNES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson Unveiling Stone

do right at her door. First she gathered the children together, then the mission grew until with W.M.S. help, she was helping young and old in the community."

Mrs. Adamson told how inspiring it was for the women in the East to know that in the midst of the great changes which were taking place in our Church, this Christian woman was carrying on the tradition of The Presbyterian Church in Gonor. "To truly remember her is to go from this place resolved to do as she did, to find work that is waiting for each of us right in our own community." Mrs. Adamson spoke of the work Mrs. Mackenzie did among new Canadians of her day. We are reminded, she said, of the many newcomers among us now, and that we have a privilege and duty in making them a part of our community life even as Mrs. Mackenzie had.

The Moderator of the General Assembly, Reverend Dr. N. G. Kennedy, was present and pronounced the benediction at the simple outdoor service. Reverend D. C. Hill, Winnipeg, was in charge of the service, and Mr. S. Hislop, student minister at Gonor, assisted.

A second very simple service followed when a plaque inside the church was unveiled by Mrs. C. LeCocq, President of Manitoba Synodical Society. Mrs. LeCocq said that for those who knew Mrs. Mackenzie, there was no need of a monument, but we want to perpetuate her memory by having her name ever before us.

The little church was filled to capacity with people from the community among whom she lived and served, and with men and women from many parts of Canada. Reverend G. D. Johnston, Chairman of the General Board of Missions and Mrs. Johnston, President Paris Presbyterial, Mrs. John Kelman, President, Edmonton Presbyterial, Miss J. E. Walls, President, Saskatchewan Synodical, Mrs. J. P. Duffin, President, Winnipeg Presbyterial, Mrs. W. Stauth, President, Hamilton and London Synodical, Mrs. Jackson, Hamilton and London Synodical, Mrs. A. J. Cherry and Mrs. Harry S. Reid, Council Executive, joined with many others to honour a fine servant of the Women's Missionary Society. —M.E.W.

A happy, happy Christmas
Be yours to-day!
O, not the failing measure
Of fleeting earthly pleasure,
But Christmas joy abiding
While years are swiftly gliding,
Be yours, I pray,
Through Him who gave us Christmas day.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

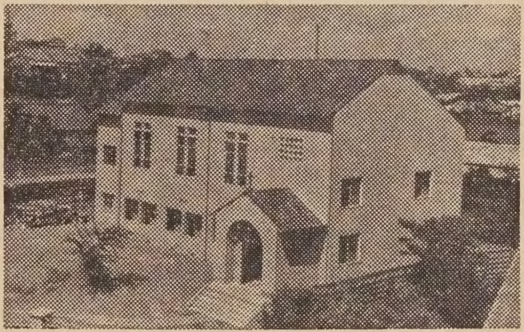
More News Of Churches In Japan

BY MRS. W. E. P. RUMBALL

IF the members of the W.M.S. at home had half the joy in making the grant to Shingi and Yokohama that I had in receiving it then you will all be full of praise that God has enabled you to do this. I cannot tell you how happy we were. Our visit to Yokohama made us see that here was a group worthy of every bit of help we could give to them. We were so happy when the mail came on Saturday afternoon that we sent a telegram so that the Christians might have the good news on Sunday.

In the case of Shingi, it so happened that we were going to Kyoto on Sunday (under whose care the Shingi group has been) and there we heard that by their own efforts the people had the foundation laid and the structure up so that the Swinging of the Beam service would be held this week and they were concerned as it is necessary to make a second payment at that stage of the work. They will make their final offering at Thanksgiving next month and with the help from Kyoto Church they may be able to have the Church dedicated very soon. May the Lord bless the women of the Women's Missionary Society who have been so generous and sympathetic to the work here.

The Toyohashi Church is a fine little building and when the people make another offering of about $60.00 or a little more they will be able to have the building dedicated. We do thank God for all these groups that He has so wonderfully helped during the year and given fine, new, suitable places of worship. The life of a Christian Korean centres completely around his church and that is much more precious to him than his own home.



Toyohashi Church

Miss Pauline Brown's Designation

AN outstanding highlight of the Thank-offering meeting of St. Giles Auxiliary, Ottawa, held on October 15th, was the impressive service conducted by Reverend George Sparks, Moderator of Ottawa Presbytery, designating Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N. to the Bhil Field, India. Miss Brown, a member of St. Giles Church and choir, was born and educated in Ottawa. She served for four years in the Navy, during World War II, and took her nurse's training at Ottawa Civic Hospital, where she graduated as an honour pupil in 1950. She is to serve on one of the mobile units used for the work of the Women's Missionary Society. The Reverend J. Logan-Vencta paid tribute to the fine qualifications and keen enthusiasm Miss Brown will bring to her work, and said how proud St. Giles Church and Ottawa Presbytery were to be sending such a fine worker to our field in India.

Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N.

Presentations were made to Miss Brown as follows: Mrs. Logan-Vencta on behalf of the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), a morocco-bound Bible; Miss Marjorie J. Kemp, Registered Nurse, a hypodermic set on behalf of the Guild; Mrs. N. T. Allan, a thermometer set from St. Giles Auxiliary; W. T. MacSkimming, a leather brief case from the Kirk Session. Mrs. F. R. Duminy read a letter to Miss Brown from the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa, and Mrs. G. Scott Murray addressed the newly appointed nurse on behalf of the Ottawa Presbyterial.

—Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta and
Ottawa Presbyterial News.

Faithful Service

It was to men who patient
Kept guard at dead of night,
That Heaven itself was opened
And shone with radiant light.

It was to humble shepherds
That first the angels sang,
While watching on the hillside,
The glorious anthem rang.

''Peace on earth and glory,''
The music floated far,
Down through the vales it echoed,
And passed from star to star.

And still to those quiet workers
Who daily service bring,
God sends His Light to strengthen
Whilst heavenly angels sing.

—Edith A. Vassie.

Stretch Forth Your Hand!

The second in the series of Council Meditations by Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, M.A., M.C., D.D., Moderator of General Assembly.

"*. . . He saith unto the man, stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.*" Mark 3.

THIS miracle has always fascinated me because on the surface it seemed strange to ask a man to do what he could not do at all. Sometimes we ask people to do things for which they are not able. But it was plain to the eye that this man certainly could not stretch forth his hand and it was evident that our Lord Jesus Christ could do something for him.

Do not suppose that it was only the friends of Jesus who had faith in His powers. The Pharisees also knew He could heal this man.

The Christian Church is part sick—has developed a withered hand. The impact of this world has been so severe it has undermined faith and deprived it of its resolution. Today we must acknowledge that we belong to a sick Church, a Church which seems to be overpowered, weakened and sometimes seemingly ineffective, and in all our planning in the work of the Church and in our own congregations we find ourselves faced with this problem—how are we going to make tired Christians do something more for the Kingdom of God? How are we going to make people really believe that the Lord is with His Church and that through Him it can still accomplish wonders.

Has our Church a withered hand? The Lord Jesus Christ is still with His Church. His power is still available to it. We might at least have the faith of the Pharisees and believe that he can do it. Let us stretch out our hand in the name of Jesus Christ and he will heal. Do the very thing you are sure you cannot do and you will work wonders again in the twentieth century.

We are planning to stretch out our hand everywhere — far and near and we cannot do it. We know we cannot do it, but the Lord Jesus Christ has said to us "Do it!" and in a tremendous faith and in wonderful trust in him we shall do it.

Christian friends, wherever you go tell people to pray and to do the impossible. In their weakness they will find their strength.

The Church At Bankah

BY REVEREND HUGH MACMILLAN, M.A., PH.D.

Dr. MacMillan wrote this story about Bankah Church in response to a request from us. Miss Pelton, while in Formosa four years ago was greatly impressed by the witness being made by Bankah Church. She felt that you would be interested too.

I KNEW a little about its history, but for telling purposes documentary notes seemed better than hearsay or memories of readings. Here is what the founder of this church, Dr. George Leslie Mackay once wrote:

> "Bankah was the Gibraltar of heathenism in North Formosa. It is the largest and most important city, (now only a comparatively small section of Greater Taipeh), thoroughly Chinese, and intensely anti-foreign in all its interests and sympathies."

In Dr. Mackay's journal of 1875 I find the following entry, "The citizens of Bankah, old and young, are daily toiling for money, money, cash, cash. They are materialistic, superstitious, dollar-seekers.

> "Three large clans, through their head men ruled the city. All the others had to acquiesce in every proposal. It might seem that mission work should have been begun in Bankah first. Indeed I received a communication from a very devoted and excellent missionary in China in which he said, 'Why don't you begin in Jerusalem?' "

Bankah Church

I quote these notes here, not only because they give background for understanding of Bankah Church to-day, but because recent arduous work connected with the building of the new Y.M.C.A. Youth Recreation Centre (a stone's throw from the present Church) brought out, as if from the past, many of the same attitudes with which the pioneer had to deal. "Perhaps we were led of God, after all, in putting this Recreation Centre here," suggested a member of the Y.M.C.A. Board, answering my reference to the pioneer's words, "we may indeed be 'beginning in Jerusalem!' some young Bankah Sauls may be turned into Pauls here."

But that is another story.

What do you consider the secret of the congregation's growth? I asked Pastor Go Eng-hoa. He replied without taking a breath of hesitation—two words, "children" and "youth". "The Sunday School averages 275 to 300."

"But how do you manage a school so large?" I asked.

"I don't," he answered modestly with a smile, "that's where the 'youth' come in. Our Young People's Society membership is about 50 and they are nearly all active teachers and helpers. They handle things."

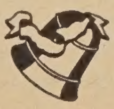
"And what is the secret of keeping that youth group together?" I followed. His answer was just as unhesitating. "We have an early morning prayer meeting, sometimes two or three times a week, which twenty to thirty attend. That, together with lots of work to do contains the secret, I think."

"And what about the congregation of grown-ups?"

"The average Sunday congregation (two services) is about 200 to 250, about all the Church holds, out of a possible 600. We have six elders at present, one a woman; and eight deacons, three of them women. We emphasize giving ourselves lots of work to do in the community." And he added, "that keeps us from idleness, and—growing."

A Christmas Gift To Readers Of The Glad Tidings

WE are grateful to The Murray Printing Company for supplying the Christmas colour gratis this month for the cover of our magazine. Mr. J. A. Murray and his staff have served our Society in many ways. They have advised us in the make-up of the magazine and we appreciate at all times their courtesy and co-operation. We extend to Mr. Murray and to his staff Season's Greetings on behalf of *Glad Tidings* readers.



This Month In The Indian Schools

Help Wanted at "C.J."

THE following positions have still to be filled at Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora: Kitchen assistant, farmer, manual training teacher. If there are any in your neighbourhood interested in any of these positions please write to Mrs. A. R. McMurrich in care of our Toronto office.

Celebrating at Birtle School

December is the month of parties. The Indian children at both Presbyterian residential schools have their parties at Christmas time. Of course, most of them go to their home. Those who cannot be home are made to feel like family people as they have a tree and presents and all the "fixings".

At Thanksgiving time, with Miss Matthews I visited Birtle School. That was party time too. If it was a sample of the fun they will have this month then they will have a Merry Christmas. There was work to do of course. The boys had the chickens to kill, the girls the housecleaning to do—but when all that was done there was a party in the auditorium. First for the little ones. The older girls planned and directed the games. To say it was successful was to say that the children played every game with enthusiasm expressed by such vigorous activity that Miss Matthews suddenly turned her back on proceedings saying, "I just can't watch. They are sure to fall and break their necks." They didn't. They were just as eager to go when Mr. Rusaw invited them to a peanut scramble—the treat of the evening.

Christmas is Coming to Birtle!

The older girls and boys then had their party. It was a dance. This observer has supervised many school dances—but never one where the students were more orderly, dressed nicer, or appeared to have a better time.

Now that the Christmas season is on its way there will be great preparations. The annual concert takes time and effort—but it is fun too. Then the Christmas gift parcels from missionary groups all across Canada will be opened and the tree prepared. (Incidentally, Mrs. Rusaw confided that the girls like head scarves and cosmetics very well.) When Christmas comes there will be a number of happy young people in our Indian Schools. We wish for them the very happiest of festive seasons.

News Notes

Ukrainian Hymn Books Sent to Yugoslavia

IN October the Reverend Michael Fesenko, Ukrainian Presbyterian minister in Toronto, received a request from Yugoslavia for copies of *Evangelical Truth* and for some Ukrainian hymn books. Mr. Fesenko sent copies of the paper and the W.M.S. sent ten hymn books.

Orientation in India

Miss Agnes Hislop has been in India several months now. She is busy at language study, but she has had time to travel around a bit, too, and get acquainted with the country. A while ago she and Miss Reaveley went to Delhi to pick up a new car which is to go into operation on the Jhansi field: "We started out for home before sunrise. We reached Agra about mid-afternoon, and by that time I'd gathered plenty of experience dodging cattle, buffalo, carts, people, etc., all along the way. Several camels were journeying on the highway; we saw so many monkeys! We visited the Taj Mahal as per plans. Even earlier the next morning—needing lights—we pulled out of Agra. About 8 a.m. we started passing men leading and driving oxen in the direction we were travelling, and at Dholpur we ran into a mela. Never before or since in India have I seen so many people packed into a half mile of road, and there were just as many cattle and buffalo as humans! I crept along in low most of the way, devoting two hands to steering around humans and animals, while Miss Reaveley tooted the horn almost constantly! It took us twenty minutes to go the half mile—but we did it without getting a single scratch from animal horn or dint from kick of hoof—so we felt quite pleased with ourselves! A few miles on we had to cross a river on a ferry, and I assure you I didn't enjoy it! At Gwalior we found that there was no way to cross the river between there and Jhansi, due to the rains, so we had to go around by Chivpuri, a few miles farther. The sun set when we were sixty miles from home, but we had a good trip and arrived about 8.30 p.m."

Later Miss Hislop accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacKay to the Bhil Field Council held in Jobat, some 425 miles away.

Hospital Visitor in Vancouver

Miss Ellen Douglas has been working as Hospital Visitor in Vancouver for almost a month now. Miss Douglas recently returned from India where she served as an evangelist-teacher on the Bhil Field. She will work under the direction of Westminster Presbytery.

Reports From Council Meeting

How Candidates Are Selected

YOUR Candidates Secretary, while regretting that she is unable to present this little report in person, is grateful that she has been asked to deal with this subject as she considers it of paramount importance.

The main standpoints from which the prospective candidate must be considered come under the general headings—spiritual, intellectual, physical and psychological. She must be a true Christian with a real sense of missionary calling so that she can interpret to others through her witness what it means to be a follower of our Lord and Master. Each candidate must be certified by a Presbytery of our Church.

Our educational standards are high. We like to appoint those with a university degree; in fact, this or its equivalent is a requirement for overseas. Also the applicant must be willing to take what additional specialized training may be called for by the appointment in question.

Her medical examination, which may include the advice of a psychiatrist, a must for overseas candidates, is in the hands of the Inter-Church Medical Board, which now has its examiners in various centres throughout the country though its head-quarters are in Toronto under the able chairmanship of Dr. W. R. Caven.

The candidate must be one who has proved herself worthy of accepting responsibility, able to work well with others and willing to adapt herself to all sorts of new and strange circumstances, whether in this land or overseas.

The Missionary and Deaconess Training School is one source from which we receive a goodly number of our staff members. Deaconesses-in-training come for summer work and after graduation for permanent appointments to national and overseas service. Often we direct the applicant to take the course in preparation for her life work. Sometimes the young people come to us through their minister or Sunday School teacher. To meet an urgent need we often have had to advertise but this is not an ideal method unless through our own church papers. An advertisement in the public press is often a trial for the Candidates Secretary because there are many who apply, not being able to get a job anywhere else. The Candidates Secretary does not have a Synodical and Presbyterial Secretary through which to work down to Auxiliaries and therefore she depends on each one of you to be her assistants in making known the needs, in directing those interested to consult with her, in seeking out those who would be suitable.

It is the duty and privilege of the Candidates Secretary to have all prospective candidates directed to her for both national and overseas service. She conducts the necessary correspondence and wherever possible arranges for a personal interview. If she feels after a good talk and the asking and answering of many questions that the applicant has the right motive and the necessary qualifications she asks her to fill out the application form and to give the names of those from whom we may obtain references. These should include her minister, some of those who have been in charge of her education and training, and a mature family or business friend and associate. We have found it very helpful to send these people a brief questionnaire, setting out a few of the things we need to know. These of course differ; the one sent to a minister deals with spiritual things and the one to a nursing superintendent or school principal with achievement, characteristics and capabilities.

There used to be a Candidates Committee, with which this Secretary worked and of which she was Convener, but in order to simplify and avoid unnecessary repetitions, she now works with the two Executive Secretaries and the National and Overseas Advisory Committees. To whichever Committee is concerned she brings the application and recommendations and often the candidate, after which a full discussion is held. It is the Advisory Committee who makes the recommendation of the appointment and the Candidates Secretary brings this to the Council Executive, which makes all the appointments.

—*Muriel L. McMurrich.*

The Board of Trustees

WITH deep regret the Trustees record the loss from its membership of Mrs. Daniel Strachan, whose death occurred on August 12th. She was one of the original members of the Board and for many years gave devoted and pre-eminent service to its affairs by her minute knowledge of the Society's property and by her wise choice in the purchase of new sites for the expansion of the work. Beloved by her fellow members she will be ever remembered and greatly missed by all with whom she worked.

Stated payments made by the sale of any part of the Society's property continue to be met promptly by the purchaser.

A satisfactory and profitable sale was made of St. Margaret's Centre in Toronto, details of which will be found in the September *Glad Tidings*. The Board of Trustees are very desirous that the money obtained by this sale should be used in establishing a residential centre for our missionary workers.

—(*Miss*) *Bessie MacMurchy,*
Chairman.

Student Report

THE student work is important because:

(a) it is a workable territory whatever the world situation.

(b) our future Church depends upon their training and enthusiasm.

(c) they are our own for whose upbringing in the nurture and admonition of the Lord we as Church members have made ourselves responsible.

The methods used

I. S.C.M.

(a) Missionary Committee — **1.** quadrennial S.V.M. Convention this year with direct appeal for missionary personnel; **2.** missions in the universities with missionaries whose approach appeals to students—in co-operation with Mission Boards; **3.** available literature; **4.** study groups.

(b) General worth of the S.C.M.—discussion groups, work camps for practical knowledge of present-day problems.

II. Friendly relation with Overseas students aimed at foreign students not sponsored by any society or church. Expert advice in untangling red tape, and friendly assistance with housing, entertainment, etc.

III. Presbyterian Fellowship

(a) Because of the migratory habits of students some one has to give continuity to the organizations which are essentially student controlled.

(b) We'd like to see one in each university. It has to grow from student interest but this can be stimulated.

Suggestions:

1. Our approach is too impersonal. The student age group doesn't like pink teas and formal meetings. In fact, they shy away from being labelled as belonging to a certain denomination. They are probably at the stage of rethinking all their former teaching. They do react to kindly interest by individuals and to hospitality.

2. Our future budgets be enlarged to pay expenses of suitable returned missionaries or national missionaries to attend missions held in the colleges.

E. D. Winchester Burnaby, M.D.,
Student Secretary.

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International Report

IN addition to what has already appeared in the Annual Report the following is submitted in regard to the observance of the World Day of Prayer in Canada.

The total number of meetings reported is 2,400, an increase of 93. The amount of the offering is $27,721.00, an increase of $3,027.00. Three provinces show a decrease in meetings. Quebec reports an increase of 30, Newfoundland an increase of 25 and the average increase in the other provinces shows 15. Reports show a decided increase of interest in the Day by young people. At more than one centre the meeting was organized by girls' groups, inviting the older women to be present and assist in the service. Notable accounts came from Lindsay and Halifax of mass meetings being held under the auspices of Senior and Junior Women's Missionary Society Auxiliaries, Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. groups, Girl Guides and I.O.D.E. Chapters.

The World Day of Prayer is now carried on simultaneously in over one hundred countries and it is of interest to contrast the fact with the number of countries represented by the United Nations, the World Council of Churches, the recent signing of the Peace Treaty for Japan at San Francisco and the N.A.T.O. Conference at Ottawa. Is it not the prayer of every heart that the universal prayers of the women of the world may be the effectual fervent prayers that avail much and will work greatly by the blessing of God to bring about peace?

—*Bessie M. MacMurchy*, Secretary.

Christian Literature

MRS. Arthur J. Cherry, Secretary for Christian Literature, drew the delegates' attention to the wide scope of missionary work accomplished through Christian Literature. In the nations where the door has been closed to the missionary, there is still this door of the printed word through which the Christian Truth may move and make its influence felt.

Mrs. Cherry mentioned just a few of the many publications which we support. *Evangelical Truth* edited by Reverend Michael Fesenko, minister of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church has been a great help to Ukrainian Displaced Persons. Recently Mr. Fesenko has been able to publish another small paper. It is for the Huban Cossacks. A number of these people came to Canada. Their home was originally in the Ukraine and Russia. They have a different language from people from other parts of the Ukraine, so were a people cut off without any communication with kindred souls. Mr. Fesenko discovered this from the ones living in Toronto. He gives them this little paper with the aim that through it Christ may be presented to the newcomers and that they might be helped in adjusting to life in a new country.

The Hungarian paper, *New Life* has also had wide influence. Recently a man arrived at the Hungarian Church in Toronto. He had escaped from his homeland to Venezuela. There he had received copies of the paper published by the Hungarian Presbyterian ministers in Canada. He told how much the paper had meant to people who needed the continual reassurance of fellow Christians.

L'Aurore is a French Protestant newspaper. It is in its 83rd year of publication. There is evidence that it reaches into French-speaking Africa as well as throughout Canada and the United States.

Mrs. Cherry showed copies of the *Church Magazine* a joint project of the Canadian and English Presbyterian Churches of Formosa. There are other books and pamphlets being printed on this island where the need for Christian literature was never greater.

Other magazines were mentioned, particularly those for India and Latin America. In the latter area, there is great need for Protestant literature to combat the influence of communism which is a great threat to that continent. Mrs. Cherry hoped that all the delegates and through them members of the Society, would become familiar with the work being done through Christian Literature and would support it through their interest, their gifts and their prayers.

In The World Mission Partnership

Canadian School of Missions Celebrates 35th Annivery

DR. David Hay, Knox College, Toronto, conducted the service of worship at a special meeting to celebrate thirty-five years of service of the Canadian School of Missions, Toronto. Tribute was paid to Dr. J. Lovell Murray who gave leadership to the school in its infancy. Opened without a debt, because of the generosity of friends, the School of Missions has provided missionary education for Protestant missionaries through these thirty-five years.

Rev. H. C. Priest was honoured at this occasion. For many years Mr. Priest has served on the Board of the School. He was given a gift of money in recognition of his services.

A Quaker Reports on Russian Visit

Mr. Frank Cadbury of Birmingham, England, recently returned from a visit to Russia told a meeting at the Society of Friends Meeting House in Toronto, that relationships throughout the world between the nations will only improve when Christianity is carried into everyday life and politics. The Russian people he saw seemed happy. Their lives are bent toward achieving production goals. It has been almost a religion to receive the bonuses paid for going over the goal set. Mr. Cadbury stressed that if we are to have peace, we must build up, even in the simplest ways, some means of meeting with our Russian brothers without suspicion and fear our constant companions. He said it is love the nations need—not fear, as the ruling emotion in peace talks.

Conferences In Aid Of Girls' Work

For three consecutive weeks this fall, the Girls' Work Board of the Ontario Religious Education Council held Sponsors' Conferences in three parts of Ontario—North Bay, Kingston and London. It was the hope of the Board that those women appointed by their Presbyterials to oversee C.G.I.T. work in their area might attend to learn how women's groups can encourage and help leaders. Presbyterian representatives attending these conferences were Mrs. Harold Keefer, Girls' Organizations Secretary on Council Executive and Miss Mary Whale. Though neither the North Bay or the Kingston conferences were well attended by Presbyterian Girls' Secretaries — yet the representatives felt that a beginning had been made in making our girls' workers and leaders feel that C.G.I.T. is a worth while organization with which to be identified—that this movement cannot be properly described as interdenominational unless we do make our proper witness—and that it is just as Presbyterian as leaders care to make it. The C.G.I.T. Movement needs Presbyterian influence. Presbyterian girls need the influence of C.G.I.T. in their lives. When such conferences are held again by an interdenominational body it is hoped that Presbyterians will not again be found missing.

M.E.W.

New Organizations

Hamilton and London

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Alliston Wilson Explorer Group, Tiverton. Leader, Mrs. Earl McConnell.

London Presbyterial—Affiliated Senior Auxiliary, Bryanston. Pres., Mrs. T. E. McVey; Treas., Mrs. W. Dan; Sec., Mrs. J. Brothers, Ilderton.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

LET us give books this Christmas. Books which are appropriate to Christmas, those which tell of Him whose birthday we celebrate, of how His Gospel has gone into the far corners of His world and of how it has influenced the lives of men and women, boys and girls. The following books are but a few of the many possibilities:

For Adults: FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES, by Basil Mathews, the story of the advance of the Christian Church throughout the world from its beginning until the present. "A tremendous story packed into a small book". Price—Paper $1.50, cloth $2.75.

TRAGEDY AND FAITH IN KOREA, by Horace H. Underwood. A thoughtful Christmas gift because of the inspiration which may be received from the quality of the Christians in Korea—Price .50.

HE WEARS ORCHIDS, by Elizabeth Meredith Lee, stories of the lives of outstanding Evangelical Christians in South America. Price, paper—$1.25, cloth—$2.50.

WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH, by George P. Howard. The story of the Protestant Church in South America. Price $1.25 and $2.00.

CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1952, a digest of stories and news items from the Church around the world. Price .25.

CHRISTMAS TIME—a pocket size anthology of favourite poems, carols, stories and pictures for all ages. Price .20.

For the Teen-Age: THE TRADED TWINS, by Robert N. McLean, an exciting story of South America and Mission work there. Price $1.25.

TAI LEE'S PRECIOUS SEED, by Mary I. Beck, a story of Chinese youth. Price .90.

PEARLS ARE MADE, by Ann M. Harrison, a story of the longings and hopes of teen-age youth in Arabia. Price $1.00.

For Children: Bible story books as BIBLE PICTURE BOOK; BIBLE PRIMER; BIBLE ABC; STORIES OF JESUS; BIBLE CHARACTER JEWELS—Price, each, .35.

THE STORY OF JESUS—22 best loved stories of Jesus illustrated by famous Bible paintings—Price .50.

SING-A-STORY, by K. V. Elliott, Bible pictures, songs and stories. Price .50.

The Nursery Series—KEMBO; AH FU; THE THREE CAMELS; ESA—each .50.

MANUEL, by Jeanette Perkins Brown, the story of a little boy of Mexico. Price .85.

ROSITA, by Jeanette Perkins Brown, the story of a little girl of Puerto Rico. Price .75.

MY STORY BOOK ABOUT THE BIBLE, by Mabel Niedermeyer. Price .90.

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AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

AT the Council Meeting in Regina an objective was set for our Society for 1952, an objective which is completely different from any objective for which we have striven before. It is not an objective for funds, nor an objective in new work, but it is an objective for new workers within our ranks. We have been asked to form new groups—one hundred of them, we have been asked to swell our own ranks so that there will be an increase of ten thousand members when 1952 is over. No small task, and one which requires earnest thought and effort by each existing member. New members rarely come walking into our Auxiliaries, seeking the privilege of service. New members in a congregation need to be asked, they need to be taken to meetings. How many people have you ever sought out to interest in the work in which you yourself are interested? Is your own interest an enthusiasm which you can pass on or is it luke-warm and casual? Not one member will be added unless each individual, as well as the Auxiliary, feels responsible for a share in this great objective. Definite plans therefore must be made by the group if we are to be successful. New members do not just happen.

We have all heard the hymn line, "Take it to the Lord in prayer." I once heard a member of our Society tell how for a long period she carried each prospective member to the Lord in prayer. Could any plan be more effective than that?

When the Evening Department was formed a few years ago it was for the express purpose of leaving a place for new Young Women's Auxiliaries. In many congregations this space has been filled by new organizations, but there are still many vacancies. Are there not young women in your congregation who might be interested in the spread of the work of the Master at home and abroad? Who are better fitted to provide leadership or sponsorship than the members of the Evening Auxiliaries? As a special project for 1952 let us put our efforts into building up the Young Women's Department; they are the future Evening Department. This splendid objective is indeed a challenge to us to survey the field of our own congregations. The Synodical Evening Department Secretaries and your Presbyterial Secretaries will be asking for your help and co-operation as well as ideas for the successful carrying out of this Evening Department project. Be sure to look in the November *Glad Tidings* to see what is expected of each Synodical in this great forward step. There are valuable suggestions there, too, to help reach the goal. This applies to YOU. What are YOU going to do about it?

—*E. Luzetta McClelland.*

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary

Dear Young Women,

MAY I have the pleasure of introducing to you the new secretary for the Young Women's Department, Miss Ellen Haw.

Miss Haw is thoroughly acquainted with missionary work. From the time that she first joined a Mission Band she has been actively engaged in each department. Miss Haw understands the problems of the teen-age, having been a C.G.I.T. leader for several years. She has held various offices in a Young Women's auxiliary and also on the executive of the Toronto Leaders' Fellowship. Recently she was a member of the Central Committee for the Evening Department. We are delighted to have Miss Haw as a member of the Council Executive of our Women's Missionary Society. I feel most confident that the Young Women's Department will grow and be strong under the capable guidance of Miss Haw.

We are now at the beginning of a new year. Let us strive to be better members than we have ever been before to be willing to do our share to make our meetings interesting and informative. This is membership year so we must look for and find new members.

May God's richest blessing rest upon the Secretary and members of this Young Women's Department.

Sincerely,

Agnes L. Johnston.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

"With Strange-Sounding Names"

Tamsui, December 2.

Dear Edna:

WAITEK (pronounced Whytyk) penned each black letter like an artist — and then, laying down her pen, sat back and looked at the words on the blue airmail paper. How strange they were—so different from the Formosan words. Imagine anyone with a flat-sounding name like Edna! And how would you pronounce the place where she lived—Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Waitek's black eyes lifted from the paper, out and over the turquoise blue waters to the snow-capped cone of the mountain-top. I wonder what Edna sees from her bedroom window, she thought. I wonder what she ate for breakfast this morning and what she's wearing to school. What should she tell this new friend whom she had never seen? Well, she might tell her about what they did in a school-day at the Girls' School. And she might write about sports and things. And then she realized —of course—Edna was a Christian, and a Presbyterian, just like herself, so she would want to hear all about their Sunday School and Church work. Especially she'd like to know about their wonderful choir, trained by their beloved Miss Taylor from Canada. And of course, Edna would like to hear about their preparations for Christmas—and how they were going to sing the "Messiah" again this season.

All of a sudden Waitek felt what a great bond there is between Christians around the world. How much Christians have to share with each other though they be as far apart as Canada and Formosa. How exciting it would be to hear all about Edna's Sunday School and Church work. Waitek decided she might add a little sketch in pen and ink of the girls' school at Tamsui. Edna would like that for sure because The Presbyterian Church in Canada had built the school—and sent their well-loved Canadian teachers. Perhaps it would be a good idea to sketch the church for Edna—and the views from the school windows. Wouldn't Miss Taylor be pleased that this letter-writing would give her such good practice in writing in English.

There seemed just a thousand and one things to tell Edna. And the questions she would ask about Canada! Waitek picked up her long slim pen and dipped it in the ink—

— And so began another pen-friendship that was to last for years and years. It was to deepen each girl's appreciation of the fellowship of all Christians round the whole world.

Wouldn't you just love to have a pen-pal in one of our Canadian mission-fields? Wouldn't it be fun to exchange photographs and sketches—and perhaps scrap books about the life of your countries? Well, you can do it—and now. If you write to me at 63 St. George Street, Toronto, I will find you a pen-pal in a faraway place with a strange-sounding name. You get after your leader to collect the names of all the girls in your Sunday School class or girls' group who would like this, and send me the list.

Wouldn't you love to collect magazines and books and all sorts of reading material that girls would like (things you'd like to read yourself) and send it to girls around the world. Just write and tell me you have a parcel—and I'll look after it.

—*Helen Bricker.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

HAPPY, spontaneous laughter echoed through the church hallway. We paused, and then strains of an old familiar singing game reached our ears. On peeking into a nearby room where some fifteen youngsters were meeting together a delightful picture met our eyes, as we saw the leader with her boys and girls playing cheerfully together — all differences forgotten.

Play can be such a valuable tool in the hands of an interested and conscientious leader.

Play is capable of promoting growth. It can create a spirit of joy, co-operation and unity in a group. It can relieve tension, allowing the children to relax and become more receptive to a teaching period which follows a time of good-natured physical activity. It can provide an opportunity for the leader to observe the children in a natural setting, bringing to light both the desirable and undesirable traits in their personalities.

As leaders of children's groups in the Church, let us examine our programmes lest recreation and times of physical activity be lacking in the hour spent with the children.

As we strive to teach the meaning of true Christian fellowship through games as well as through stories and music, Nina Millen's *Children's Games From Many Lands* ($1.25) will prove helpful. In it are to be found some 250 games from around the world. Besides new games, variations of old familiar ones such as "London Bridges" or "Blindman's Buff" can be recognized in games from Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. What better method could be found to teach the great truth that children the world over are alike in spite of race or color? The collection includes outdoor, indoor, singing and quiet games.

If there is any leader who is not yet familiar with *Boys and Girls At Play* (.85) by Nellie M. Lewis, she would do well to scan its pages. It is another valuable collection for all occasions. Not only does it contain excellent games, but it also gives directions for the leader as she prepares for and then carries through the game period.

—*Elizabeth Moodie.*

A Christmas Invitation

THIS year, as for many years past, the Canadian Girls In Training group in your church will usher in the Christmas season with its annual Vesper Service.

As this service is celebrated from Halifax to Vancouver, young girls, full of promise and high enthusiasm, will rededicate themselves to the highest ideals of Christian living—the ideals of the Canadian Girls In Training.

At Christmas time, perhaps more than any other, we realize that the hope of a better world lies in our Christian girls and boys as they grow up in the "knowledge and love of God". And so the Vesper Service — a service of carols to honour the Christ-child, a service of prayer that the girls of C.G.I.T. may be strengthened for the work ahead and finally the symbolical lighting of the candles to remind us again that "God gives the light of the world".

It is a busy time for all of us but we urge you to make a special effort to join your C.G.I.T. group at this service. From the offering at this time the National C.G.I.T. Committee receives the funds to continue its fine work among the girls of your community and thousands like it across the country. They cannot continue without your support.

But the C.G.I.T. urges you to attend for intangible reasons as well. By worshipping with your group you offer them the encouragement of your prayers and the knowledge that you are willing to help them as they travel the difficult path of Christian living.

For the Vesper Service is more than a service "for girls". It is a chance for all of us to strengthen and renew our faith. In the sight of youth pledging itself to a life of high purpose and noble idealism who can be pessimistic for the future?

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FAR ROUND THE WORLD, by Grace W. McGavran. Price .65.

If a story book is desired about any particular country we will be glad to suggest further titles. Write to the Literature Department for information concerning available books.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial — The fall Rally of the Presbyterial held in Victoria on October 5th was well attended by Senior Auxiliaries, Evening Auxiliaries and Girls' Groups. Mrs. G. R. Pye, Treasurer of the Society, very concisely presented facts and figures, explaining how the missionary funds are disposed of at home and abroad. Miss Laura Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, out of her wide personal experience, drew a vivid picture of the foreign fields. To partially meet the needs there, she said, instead of sending Canadians abroad, young native Christians are being brought to Canada and given training in theology, medicine and pedagogy. These will later return to their own lands equipped to work among their own people.

Westminster Presbyterial — The Executive of the Presbyterial convened at Fairview Church, **Vancouver,** for a supper meeting when Mrs. G. R. Pye and Miss Laura K. Pelton were special guests. This was followed by a public meeting when the President, Mrs. M. Clifford, presided. Both guests addressed the meeting, telling of the needs of the Society in the cause of missions.

Prince Rupert Auxiliary had a two-day visit in September from Mrs. M. Clifford, President of Westminster Presbyterial. At a meeting of the congregation Mrs. Clifford spoke on the words ''Occupy till I come'', and told of the Chinese work in Vancouver. She met with C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups, congratulated them on the work they are doing and gave an interesting account of the camp at Roberts Creek.

The annual Fellowship luncheon of Mount Pleasant Senior Auxiliary proved to be one of the most delightful events of the year. Members and friends were privileged to hear Mrs. Tilly Rolston, M.L.A., tell of her recent trip to Australia and New Zealand. Mrs. Rolston paid special tribute to the ''Flying Doctor'' service of Australia, inaugurated by the Australian Inland Mission of the Presbyterian Church in 1928. This service, with its air and ground communications, has been a great blessing to the settlers in isolated parts of the country.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — Miss Ellen Douglas, our missionary recently returned from the Bhil Field in India, addressed a meeting in Grace Church, **Calgary** in October. Miss Douglas brought the work of that field very vividly before her audience as she told of incidents relating to her work among the children, of visits to outlying villages and of Miss Mary Sherrick's work with the pupils in the field of agricultural methods. The meeting was arranged by the Presbyterial Evening Department and members from the various Evening Auxiliaries took part in the programme.

Edmonton Presbyterial — The first Presbyterial Executive meeting for the fall term was held in First Church, **Edmonton,** on September 13th with Mrs. J. Kelman presiding. Mrs. C. Oscroft led in the devotions, stressing the need of individual witnessing for Christ, especially through the power of prayer. It was decided to have a Rally of the women of the Edmonton churches when speakers will be three Council Executive Secretaries, Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary, Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary. Miss A. McEachern, the deaconess who has been serving under the Presbytery of Edmonton, spoke briefly about her work.

On September 11th the Senior Auxiliary of Strathcona Church, **Edmonton**, opened their fall meetings. The president, Mrs. Delamater presided. Reverend R. K. Peck, a former minister at Rocky Mountain House, now retired, took the devotions.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The fall meeting of the Presbyterial Executive was held in October at **Olds.** Mrs. Kirkpatrick, President of the Presbyterial, presided and the work of the Society was reviewed by secretaries of the different departments. Plans were approved for a scholarship in aid of a student attending the Medicine Hat Training School. It is hoped that the scholarship will be available for the second term, which opens January 1, 1952.

The Senior Auxiliary of **Carstairs** Presbyterian Church got away to a good start after the holidays. The Home Helpers were entertained to a dinner when forty ladies were present. The first meeting was well attended and plans were made for Mrs. Weber to attend the Council in Regina. As Mrs. Kirkland, the Home Helpers Secretary, is leaving to make her home in Calgary, a farewell was arranged for her.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial — Miss Grace Irvine was the guest speaker at the autumn Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Weyburn.** Speaking from the thirteenth chapter of Matthew she impressed upon her listeners the necessity of facing the fact of evil in the world around us, but spoke of the influence of good lives permeating all life as a perfume. Mrs. Staveley, President of the Auxiliary presided.

Miss Irvine also spoke to a group of young women of Knox Church and suggested that as a beginning in order to awaken missionary interest, books and missionary literature might be read during the meetings of the various organizations.

Miss Helen Bricker met with the Sunday School teachers of the girls of Knox Church and suggested ways and means of making the Sunday School lessons come alive for the children. She also met with the C.G.I.T. leader.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank, Secretary for the Home Helpers Department on Council Executive, spoke at a joint meeting of the Senior and Lucy Baker Auxiliaries of Prince Albert. Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Children's Secretary on Council Executive, also spoke to the combined gathering and outlined qualifications needed for children's leaders. Miss Isabelle Bailey, President of Prince Albert Presbyterial, conducted the meeting.

''Becoming a Christian and what it means in our life'', was the theme chosen by Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary, in her address to the Junior and Senior Daughters of the Kirk of St. Paul's Church, **Prince Albert**, during the supper meeting held in her honour in October. As a means of illustration, Miss Bricker used the story of a man who put on a pleasant-looking mask to cover his ugly face. Before long he discovered that he had to change his ways to live up to the pleasant appearance of the mask. Drawing a parallel, Miss Bricker pointed out to the girls that when we decide to become Christians, we put on Christ and the pattern of life that he sets for us and we must pray for the grace and strength to live up to that pattern. ''This is the most important decision of our lives and this is the time when we should make it'', she concluded.

Miss Isobel Courtney, president of the Junior Daughters of the Kirk, thanked Miss Bricker for her message on behalf of the girls. During the course of the supper Miss Bricker led the girls in a sing-song. After supper, which was concluded by repeating the motto and prayer of the Daughters of the Kirk, Miss Bricker met with the leaders to discuss plans for the coming year's activities.

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BRANDON Presbyterial — The fall Thank-offering meeting of St. Paul's Church, **Hartney**, proved a very interesting one when Mrs. John More, a former missionary to Japan, spoke on her work among the Japanese. She also showed many of the curios which she had collected while in Japan. A letter was read from Mr. Wenchi Kim thanking the auxiliary for a small gift of money which had been given to him to use in his work among the Koreans in Japan. A shower of jams and jellies, candies and books of texts was held and these will be forwarded to Mrs. Bradley, the Hospital Visitor, to take on her visits.

Superior Presbyterial — A well-attended meeting of the Presbyterial was held in October in First Church, **Port Arthur** with Mrs. G. P. Stirrett presiding. Reverend J. A. McMahon conducted the devotions. Miss Jean Stevenson, Recording Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Corresponding Secretary, gave a report and Mrs. J. W. Fraser read the Treasurer's report. Mrs. G. P. Stirrett and Mrs. Charles LeCocq, delegates to the Council Meeting, held in Regina, presented most interesting and informative reports. It was also announced that our Moderator, Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, had been made a Doctor of Divinity by Queen's University.

Mrs. A. MacAulay presided at the fall Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Fort William.** A shower of gifts and money was taken for the bale. Members were reminded that it was time to renew *The Glad Tidings* subscriptions. Reverend G. E. Bastedo of First Church, West Fort William, was guest speaker. The text of his address was, ''What shall I give to Missions this year?'' Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President, spoke about the *Glad Tidings* and also told of attending the 100th anniversary of Old Kildonan Church, Winnipeg.

The meeting, which was sponsored by Manitoba Synodical Society and held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, was well attended and had as its guests two members of Council Executive, Mrs. A. J. Cherry, Secretary for Christian Literature and Mrs. Harry S. Reid, Library Secretary. Christian Literature, Mrs. Cherry defined, as that literature published in foreign languages for distribution to far-flung parts of the world as a means of bringing religious reading to groups which would not otherwise be reached. The publishing of this literature is supported by many denominations. The Women's Missionary Society gave a grant of $10,000 this year. Mrs. Cherry also told of the vast opportunities open to the Church through the medium of Christian Literature.

Mrs. Reid told the gathering that the W.M.S. had set as its objective for this year 10,000 new members and 100 new groups. It is not enough for members to help the work financially, they must also give of their time, talents and prayer. The W.M.S. was strong, she continued, but ''We must remember to witness for Christ in our own lives.'' ''It is only by the way we live our everyday lives that we draw people to us.'' The W.M.S. must at all times ''Keep an open door'' and find a place for new comers,'' she declared. The Reverend A. H. Johnston conducted the devotions and extended a welcome to the visitors. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Vice-President, presided in the absence of Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President. Reverend J. A. McMahon thanked the speakers.

The meeting was preceded by a complimentary dinner tendered the two visitors in the Sunday School Hall. Mrs. Nairn also presided there, introducing the guests of the evening, Reverend A. H. Johnston, Reverend J. A. McMahon, and Mr. Gibson who will take up his duties in the new congregation in Port Arthur, officers of the Presbyterial and Synodical Society. Mrs. G. P. Stirrett, Presbyterial President, extended a welcome to the visitors. The gathering went on record as extending a vote of thanks to Miss Isabel Scott for her work as deaconess there and thanks was also extended to the leaders of the various W.M.S. groups for their contribution to the work of the church.

The Reverend G. E. Bastedo, minister of First Church, West Fort William, was guest speaker at the fall Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, **Port Arthur.** Mrs. A. Grant presided and introduced the speaker, whose message was entitled ''The Harvest''. He said the urgency for God's work is always present and stressed the need for missionaries. Mrs. Grant congratulated Mr. McMahon on his 25th anniversary as minister of First Church, Port Arthur.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The September meeting of **Stonewall** Auxiliary was held at the home of one of their shut-ins,—Mrs. T. Calder. Mrs. J. S. Flook of Winnipeg, was guest speaker and the subject of her address was ''What are we doing for the Lord's work?'' The fall Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. J. Currie. Mrs. G. W. Bradley of St. James, was guest speaker. She gave an interesting account of her new work as Hospital Visitor and reminded all present that we should be very thankful for our health.

Members of Elmwood Auxiliary, Winnpieg, held their Thank-offering in September. Many members and friends from other auxiliaries attended. Miss Florence Goertzen, who was at home on holidays before returning to Toronto for her second year at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, gave the address. She told of the work and of the places in which Miss Margaret Boyd and she had worked while travelling in the missionary van during the summer months in Prince Albert Presbytery. ''Missionary work does not always mean working in far-off lands, but right in our own country.''

The Thank-offering meeting of Old Kildonan Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held in Nisbet Hall. The fourth chapter of the study was shared by Mrs. D. E. Flint and Mrs. Cormack Smith. Mrs. Duffin, presiding, gave the highlights of the Council Meeting in Regina.

An interesting meeting of the Auxiliary was held in First Church, Winnipeg. The guest speaker was Dr. W. A. Cameron who spoke on the work of the Church in British Guiana. The Moderator of the General Assembly, Reverend Dr. Norman D. Kennedy, was also a welcome guest. He spoke briefly.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —The Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary assisted the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church **Owen Sound** in observing their fall Thank-offering. Mrs. H. Severt and Miss Jean Sinclair, Presidents of their respective auxiliaries, jointly led the meeting. Mrs. Donald McDonald of Tara was the guest speaker. Mrs. McDonald laboured under the Church of Scotland in the Hyderabad field in India. In speaking of the work there, she referred to a church in India where there never was an empty seat and where the singing drowned the organ. This was an example for the Christian people in Canada, she said. Mrs. McDonald pleaded for more prayers for the missionaries: ''they are greatly fortified when they know that those at home are praying for them.'' She mentioned the hunger for reading material among the people of India and asked for more Christian literature for their use. She closed her address with these words: ''Our aim is to bring Christ to the needy people of all countries and to bring the needy people to Christ.''

Chatham Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of the **Amherstburg** Presbyterian Church held a very successful Home Helpers luncheon meeting to which all newcomers to the town were personally invited. Miss Jessie Smith gave a book review. The Young Women's Auxiliary took charge of the luncheon. The personal contacts made will, we believe bear fruit in increased attendance at the Auxiliary meetings.

Mrs. Wm. Taylor, President of the Senior Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham,** presided at the first fall meeting. Rev. Hugh F. Davidson, minister of the church, was the speaker. He said: ''Man's business in life is to glorify God. He pointed out our obligation to the missionary enterprise of our Church and urged that the women become better informed that they may the more intelligently serve.''

The first autumn meeting of Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Windsor** was held at the home of Mrs. F. Beer. Mrs. C. L. Kress was in charge of the programme assisted by Mrs. J. D. Butler and Mrs. F. Beer. The chapter in *Our Share in the World Missions* was studied. The work in British Guiana was also presented to the group.

Hamilton Presbyterial — The annual fall rally of Hamilton Presbyterial took place in St. Andrew's Church, **Hamilton.** Mrs. Duncan Allan, President, presided. The C.G.I.T. groups of St. Cuthbert's and St. Andrew's led the devotional service. Mrs. A. D. Poole, Librarian, Mrs. J. Hamilton, Treasurer, and Mrs. F. Galbraith *Glad Tidings* Secretary each spoke briefly on their respective departments. Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Muchan were guest speakers. This was their farewell meeting before leaving for British Guiana.

The New Westminster Auxiliary, **Hamilton** held a fortieth anniversary meeting. Mrs. T. G. Marshall, President presided. A brief welcoming address was given by Rev. T. G. Marshall. Mrs.

Samuel Stewart gave the history of the Auxiliary. Greetings were brought from other auxiliaries and from Mrs. Donald Munro, Miss Mary McQuesten and Mrs. Duncan Allan.

Huron Presbyterial—The annual rally of Huron Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Auburn.** There was an excellent attendance with members from Auburn, Bayfield, Blyth, Belgrave, Clinton, Exeter, Goderich, Hensall, and Seaforth auxiliaries. The president of the Auburn Auxiliary, Mrs. W. Good, extended the welcome. Miss A. Toll, Blyth, first vice-president presided. The theme of the rally was ''Trust and Obey''. Greetings were read from the President, Mrs. Gordon Bisset and a letter of thanks from Mrs. J. C. Greig of Seaforth for an Honorary Life Membership conferred on her. The Treasurer reported an increase in givings over last year. A conference with Miss Lily Macarthur for Mission Band leaders was held at the noon hour and proved most helpful. Miss B. Campbell spoke of the work being done by Frontier College, a record extending over fifty years in sending books into lumber camps. Rev. D. J. Lane sent cordial greetings from the Presbytery of Huron. A most interesting discussion period on ''The Church has Failed?'' brought forth the fact that there have always been discouragements in the history of the Church but that God has and will overcome all our difficulties if we pray aright.

Mrs. J. Erskine, Stratford Presbyterial President, was the speaker for the afternoon session. Mrs. Erskine said that it was a good time to take stock of our Society which is 87 years old. It has gone through wars and depressions but is still advancing because it is built on firm foundations. The McKillop auxiliary assisted by the Barbara Kirkman auxiliary staged a playlet entitled ''The Vision''.

At a special Sunday service held in Knox United Church **Goderich,** Miss Ida White was dedicated to spend a year in the Presbyterian Deaconess Training School in preparation for work in India. Miss White was brough up in the Mission Band, Sunday School, C.G.I.T. and Girls' Bible Class. She is a graduate of Alexandra Hospital, Goderich. She served as a nurse in World War II in Africa, Egypt and Italy. She took a course in Toronto Bible College and for the past two years has been a Social Worker for Huron County Children's Aid Society.

London Presbyterial—The W.M.S. of Knox Church, **Belmont** heard Mrs. C. A. McCarroll of Ilderton at their fall Thankoffering.

Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie was the special speaker at the annual Thankoffering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of **Glencoe** Church. She described life in British Guiana where she and her husband served for three years. Mr. McKenzie was principal of New Amsterdam High School. Pictures were used to illustrate home life in South America and some of the work of the Presbyterian mission.

Senior Auxiliary members of **London's** Presbyterian churches were invited to hear Mrs. A. E. Toombs when she spoke at New St. James fall Thankoffering meeting. Mrs. Toombs, formerly a missionary on the Bhil Field in India, gave many personal glimpses of her work at Barwani. She urged her listeners to always remember to carry out the last request of Jesus: ''Feed my sheep''. Mrs. Quinn, also a former worker on the Bhil Field introduced the speaker.

Mrs. J. K. West, of St. Thomas, Evening Department Secretary, London Presbyterial was the guest speaker at a meeting of **Bethel** Evening Auxiliary, held in the home of Mrs. D. A. Carmichael. Her topic was :"The Imps That Get on your Shoulder" and referred to criticisms and discouragements encountered by all of us. Mrs. Donald McKeen gave a talk on India and British Guiana.

Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, began her work in London Presbyterial speaking at New St. James. Members of other auxiliaries in the city were guests. Bethel Evening Auxiliary was also a guest. Speaking of avenues of service in the W.M.S., Miss Walker told how different departments had contributed to the work of the Society: "We need more praying women. Pray that God will reveal to us the challenge and the great task that lies ahead."

Cairncross Mission Band, St. George's Church, London, also had Miss Walker speak. The Mission Band from Knox Church **Fingal** was a guest.

Paris Presbyterial—It was a very happy occasion when many people from all parts of the Presbyterial joined with the Executive at Penmarvian for tea with Miss Winnifred Ferguson and the ladies living there. After tea served by the Paris auxiliaries, Mrs. G. Deane Johnston, Presbyterial President asked Miss Ferguson to accept for the house, gifts from the auxiliaries. Miss Ferguson thanked the ladies for the gifts.

Maitland Presbyterial—At the September meeting of the **Brussells** Auxiliary, Mrs. Arthur Hamilton of Atwood was the guest speaker. She gave a most helpful talk on the subject: "Our Individual Character is our Power."

Sarnia Presbyterial — West Adelaide Auxiliary members are hoping to top their 1950 penny collection of $37.00 before the end of the year. Like the drops of water and the grains of sand, they add to the year's allocation.

Forest Auxiliary held a memorial service for Mrs. Hugh McCall at their first meeting in the fall. The President, Mrs. Fred Gallie, opened the meeting with a very fine tribute to Mrs. McCall. She had been in charge of Home Helpers.

Point Edward Auxiliary had Mrs. D. Y. Seaton as guest speaker at the Thankoffering.

Patterson Memorial Auxiliary, **Sarnia** delayed their Thankoffering service that the members might entertain guests in their new church building after its official opening.

Stratford Presbyterial—The sectional meeting of the southern district of Stratford Presbyterial was held at **Motherwell - Avonbank** Presbyterian Church. Auxiliaries from Avonton, Cromarty, Glengowan, Mitchell, Motherwell-Avonbank, St. Mary's First and St. Mary's Knox were represented. The President, Mrs. Russell Ballantyne presided. Greetings were conveyed by the minister, Dr. Palmer. Mrs. Duncanson of Cromarty was the guest speaker.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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SAUGEEN Presbyterial — The 50th anniversary of Missionary Society work at Knox Church, **Normanby**, was observed on October 10th at the home of one of the members, Mrs. Robert Lee. The president, Mrs. James Marshall, presided. Reverend D. K. Perrie, minister of the church spoke on the work of the Women's Missionary Society. An interesting review of the history of the Society from its early beginning was given by Mrs. Elgin Wilton. Hymns and Scripture used at the first meeting were sung and read and former members brought greetings.

Toronto East Presbyterial—The fall rally of the Presbyterial was held in Olivet Church, **Toronto.** The afternoon session was addressed by the Reverend F. G. Stewart of Kitchener. ''We must remember to be old fashioned in our convictions, modern in our methods and ahead of our time in our thinking'', said Mr. Stewart. At the evening session Mrs. H. C. Smith gave a most interesting talk on the work of the Vellore Christian Medical College. She told of its founding and the extension of the work through the years up to the present time. It now has a university standing, its top-rate nurses going to all parts of India and its graduate doctors to all parts of the world. Much has been done but the need is great and much has still to be done. It is interdenominational and all Churches help in its support. Mrs. A. S. Curr brought greetings from Toronto West Presbyterial.

The MacBean Evening Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Toronto, marked its 50th anniversary October 11th. The meeting which was held in the church was presided over by the President, Mrs. C. Jefferies. The speaker for the evening was Reverend G. Deane Johnston of Brantford, Chairman of the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Greetings were brought from Council Executive by Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), from the Evening Department by Miss E. L. McClelland, Secretary on Council Executive, and from Toronto East Presbytery by Reverend William McRoberts.

A very interesting history of the Auxiliary was read by Miss Edna Gallaugher. Here is a synopsis of a history which is of great interest to the Society as a whole. From the minutes of the first meeting: ''On October 14, 1901 the Choné Oliver Mission Band was organized by Mrs. J. McP. Scott, wife of Dr. J. McP. Scott, minister of the church. The Band seeks to secure as members young women of the congregation who are not connected with the Women's Foreign Missionary Auxiliary. The name chosen was to mark the out-going to India of Dr. Choné Oliver, one of the members of the congregation. All young women of the church fifteen years of age and over may become members of the Band. Membership fee is to be fifteen cents. The Band will meet monthly for study and once a month for a sewing meeting at which articles of clothing will be prepared for the work of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. Occasionally open meetings will be held.''

In the year 1904 Miss J. MacBean became President. The closing meetings of 1905 were very interesting. Miss MacBean, now Dr., was preparing to leave for China, and in January of 1906 departed for her work there. This left Miss Clearihue to become President, but in November of that same year the Band had again to say farewell to its leader who left for India. That same year another member Miss Glendenning left for study and preparation for mission work in the city of Chicago. Later she, too, went to India. Miss Ethel Reid succeeded Miss Clearihue as President for the year 1907 but resigned at the end of 1907 as she, too, was preparing to go to the mission field and in 1910 went to China. At the same time Miss Nellie Perkins was assigned to mission work in an Indian School in British Columbia. Miss

Reid's successor had been Miss Lottie Madill in 1908 who after two years left for India, and Miss Margaret Gay became President. Her term was short as she left for Honan in 1910.

Five Presidents in succession had left for service in the foreign fields!

Great interest was maintained in the Band in their missionary work as letters came regularly from the mission fields, and occasional visits from the missionaries on furlough. Miss Gertrude Eagleson was the next President and although she did not go overseas, yet she has done a good job on the home front. The Auxiliary has endeavoured to carry on the aims and ideals of those who have set such high traditions for the Auxiliary.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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THE Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, **Huntingdon,** were hostesses to the Executive meeting of the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa in October. The President, Mrs. W. E. Baker, presided at all sessions. Reports of officers, departmental secretaries and Presbyterial presidents were heard, and encouraging and discouraging aspects of our work discussed. Special tribute was paid to the late Mrs. D. Strachan of Council Executive by Mrs. W. J. Dougherty, and to the late Mrs. J. R. Hill, Honorary President of the Synodical, by Mrs. Harcourt Emra. Highlights of the Council Meeting held in Regina were presented by the delegates. The Reverend A. Poulain, of St. Luc's French Protestant Church, Montreal, addressed the open meeting, telling of his work in France and in Canada and of the work carried on in Africa by the Paris Mission. Mr. Poulain suggested that there was a great field for W.M.S. work in Africa, that could absorb our missionaries who had to abandon fields in Asia. The annual meeting will be held in Ottawa in April 1952.

Brockville Presbyterial—The Mission Bees Mission Band of St. Paul's Church, **Kemptville,** opened its fall activities with a supper meeting sponsored by the mothers and W.M.S. members. Mrs. J. Dalrymple supervised out-door games and Reverend M. N. McDonald conducted the service of worship. The guest speaker was Mrs. Gordon Blow, Children's Secretary of the Presbyterial.

Sectional Meeting number three of the Presbyterial was held at **Spencerville** with Mrs. Fitzsimmons of Cardinal as guest speaker. Sectional Meeting number four was held at **Morewood** in October. Interesting reports were heard from each auxiliary.

Glengarry Presbyterial—Mrs. Knox of Moose Creek, was the guest speaker at an early autumn meeting of **St. Elmo** Auxiliary, held in Gordon Church.

A full Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Luke's Church, **Finch,** in September. Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, Presbyterial President, presided.

Montreal Presbyterial—We, the members of the Montreal Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society, desire to place on record, our great sense of loss and deep sorrow at the passing of our beloved Past President, Miss Margaret Rowat. Her passing has been an irreparable loss, not only to our W.M.S. but to our Presbyterian Church. We rejoice, however, in the great privilege that has been ours to have been so closely associated with her in this great work. We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for her consecrated life, her devotion to duty, her sense of humour, her great strength of character and her never-failing zeal for her Master's work. All these precious memories we will cherish.

The Sectional Meeting of the South Shore Auxiliaries was held at **Beauharnois** in September. Mrs. I. M. Anderson, Beauharnois, opened the meeting, which was constituted by Mrs. Robert McCleery, Presbyterial President. Mrs. McCleery paid tribute to the late Miss Margaret Rowat, a former Presbyterial President. Reports were heard from seven auxiliaries, four Evening Auxiliaries and four Mission Bands. Reverend J. S. McBride of Ephraim Scott Memorial Church, Montreal, addressed the meeting. Mrs. Cecil Bryson extended an invitation to the auxiliaries to hold their next Sectional Meeting at Ormstown.

The Senior Auxiliary of **Huntingdon** celebrated its 55th anniversary in September at a well-attended meeting, with guests from Montreal and local towns present. The president, Mrs. George Paul, presided. The Secretary read from the first minute book, of the organizing of the Auxiliary in St. Andrew's Church in 1896, when ladies from Montreal came to organize the auxiliary. Reverend P. H. Hutchison was the minister at the time, and Mrs. Hutchison was the first president. The President read a list of the Charter members, three of them still living, two attending the meeting, and the third, Mrs. Robert Sellar, who is over 90 years old, and unable to attend, sent greetings. The guest speaker, Mrs. Leatherdale, Hospital Visitor, told of her work.

Ottawa Presbyterial—At the Thankoffering meeting of St. Giles Auxiliary, Ottawa, at which Miss Pauline Brown was designated, (see page 486) Reverend E. P. Aikens, assistant minister of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, was the guest speaker and told of his work as a student minister in the Peace River district from 1944 to 1946. In this vast area with 70,000 population there was not one self-supporting charge, scattered stations were served by deaconesses and students. Reverend J. Logan-Vencta presented an Honorary Membership to Mrs. Margaret Knauff, a faithful W.M.S. member and for many years Mission Band leader. In thanking Mr. Logan-Vencta, Mrs. Knauff said that she already had one pin and was told that this was a ''bar'' for her service medal. The pin was the gift of her family. This was truly a ''Thanksgiving'' meeting.

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